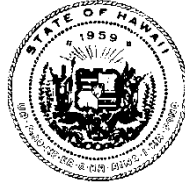


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Statement of the
Hawaii Public Housing Authority

Before the
Senate Committee on Housing

Tuesday, February 3, 2026
1:00 p.m. – Room 225, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of
Senate Bill 2195
Relating to the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation

Honorable Chair Chang, Vice Chair Hashimoto, and Members of the Senate Committee on Housing:

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) appreciates the intent of Senate Bill (SB) 2195 and the Chair's continued focus on strengthening coordination among housing agencies to better serve the people of Hawaii.

HPHA has worked with the Hawaii Housing Finance & Development Corporation (HHFDC) on a number of programs and initiatives and values the collaborative relationship and recent improvements in communication between our agencies. Where our work intersects, these efforts are beneficial to advancing shared housing goals.

As the Committee considers this measure, HPHA respectfully notes certain governance considerations. HPHA and HHFDC interact through funding programs, policy development, and project-related activities that may directly affect one another, including HPHA redevelopment projects that rely on HHFDC administered competitive financing resources. As a result, adding the Executive Director of HPHA to the HHFDC Board could, in practice, require recurring recusals and may raise questions regarding perceived conflicts, creating practical board governance considerations over time.

HPHA shares the goal of streamlining Hawaii's housing efforts through inter-agency coordination, and we remain committed to continued collaboration with HHFDC.

Mahalo for your time, for the opportunity to provide these comments, and the Committee's continued commitment to serving the people of Hawaii.

