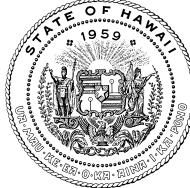


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Statement of
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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

February 03 2026 at 1:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2196

RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY.

Chair Chang, Vice Chair Hashimoto, and members of the Committee.

HHFDC appreciates the intent of Senate Bill 2196, to strengthen collaboration between housing agencies by adding the HHFDC Executive Director to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) Board.

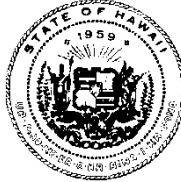
HHFDC fully supports the goal of improving coordination to address Hawaii's housing challenges. The Executive Director of HHFDC is already responsible for overall management of the agency, providing oversight of its finance and development programs, and establishing new initiatives to further the agency's mission. Adding formal board duties would overstretch our resources and affect our core mission.

We remain committed to partnering closely with HPHA through existing channels, providing technical assistance, and coordinating efforts to align housing strategies without formal board membership.

Given current limitations, we respectfully request that this measure not advance at this time.

Thank you for considering our testimony.

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Statement of the
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Before the
Senate Committee on Housing

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

In consideration of
Senate Bill 2196
Relating to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority

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) 2196 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 HHFDC as a member of the HPHA 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.