



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

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HB 2554 – RELATING TO HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and members of the House Committee on Finance, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2554.

As the dean of the Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (MBTSSW) we stand in support of HB 2554.

The mission of the MBTSSW is to provide educational excellence that advances social work with its focus on social justice. The principal responsibility is the generation, transmission, and application of knowledge for the global enterprise with special attention to Native Hawaiian, other Pacific Islander, and Asian populations in our state and region.

Through its mission and partnership in The College of Health Sciences and Social Welfare at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, MTBSSW is engaged in collaborative processes that will support transformative community teaching by promoting a "Hawaiian Place of Learning" rooted in health and wellness as well as becoming a place of discovery, innovation and inspiration for the Kaka'ako community and beyond.

We support HB 2554 and OHA's focus of providing resources for Native Hawaiian beneficiaries.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments.