



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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SB 2269 SD1 – RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 2269 SD1.

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 SB 2269 SD1.

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.

We appreciate the opportunity to begin discussions with the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority regarding potential placement opportunities for our students.

Through our mission and community partnerships MTBSSW is engaged in collaborative processes, such as potential placements with the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority that support transformative community teaching by promoting a "Hawaiian Place of Learning".

We support SB 2269 SD1.

We strongly urge your favorable consideration of this bill, with the proposed amendment provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the University's Board of Regents Approved Executive Biennium Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments.