

A JOINT LEGISLATIVE EFFORT

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Regarding: Senate WAM hearing
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Date: March 27, 2007

To: **Senate Committee on Ways & Means**
Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Honorable Shan Tsutsui, Vice Chair

From: Kelly M. Rosati, JD
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Lobbyist, Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii

Re: **Support for HB 667 HD 1 SD 1 Relating to Kukui Gardens**

Honorable Chair and members of the Senate Committee on Ways & Means, I am Kelly Rosati, **representing both the Hawaii Family Forum and the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii.**

Hawaii Family Forum is a non-profit, pro-family education organization committed to preserving and strengthening families in Hawaii. The Roman Catholic Church in Hawaii, under the leadership of Bishop Larry Silva, represents over 230,000 Catholics in Hawaii.

We are pleased by the announcement of the settlement between the tenants of Kukui Gardens and Carmel Properties.

We support legislative measures to effectuate the terms of the agreement, which will allow the neediest residents of Kukui Gardens to remain in their homes. Passage of these measures will be in concert with the legislative action taken in 2006 expressing the will of both chambers to protect the interests of the neediest Kukui Gardens residents.

We also support appropriate legislative safeguards to ensure that the significant state investment of public funds will yield affordable housing units in perpetuity.

Mahalo for your prioritization of Hawaii's affordable housing and homeless crisis.