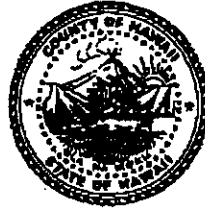


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The Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD) **opposes** House Bill 2238 HD1, SD1, which would require public housing and affordable housing projects developed with state and/or county funds to remain affordable in perpetuity.

The County of Hawai'i is currently in the predevelopment stages of its 1,200-unit Kamako at Waikoloa Workforce Housing Project, which *aims* to provide affordable housing in perpetuity. And though the County would *promote* this practice in all of its projects, enacted legislation requiring perpetuity would remove the County's flexibility to provide mixed use development – an attractive mechanism used to encourage further development of affordable housing in the face of escalating land and/or development costs.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.


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