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IN REPLY REFER TO

Statement of
Orlando "Dan" Davidson
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Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

February 20, 2008, 2:30 p.m.
Room 308, State Capitol

In consideration of
H.B. 2513

**AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND MAKING
AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DWELLING UNIT REVOLVING FUND.**

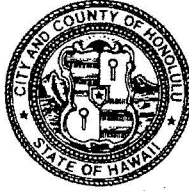
The HHFDC supports H.B. 2513, which authorizes the issuance of \$30 million in G.O. Bonds for appropriation into the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund.

The DURF may be used for various purposes, such as the acquisition of real property, the development of infrastructure, and for interim construction and permanent loans for the development of for-sale and rental housing. An infusion of funds into the DURF is a key component of our production plan to assist in over 7,000 affordable units being built over the next five years.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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February 19, 2008

The Honorable Marcus Oshiro, Chair
and Members of the House Committee on Finance
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 306
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Oshiro and Members:


Subject: HB No. 2513 Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds
and Making an Appropriation to the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund
Hearing: February 20, 2008, 2:30 pm

The Department of Community Services strongly supports the authorization of issuance of \$30 million in general obligation bonds and appropriation into the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund.

As you are aware, the affordable housing inventory has been inadequate to meet the needs of our residents. Conveyance tax receipts earmarked for the Rental Housing Trust Fund have funded only a small number of units annually and significant funding must be provided through this and other measures to allow development of much needed housing units statewide.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

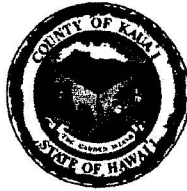
Sincerely,


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February 19, 2008

The Honorable Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
The Honorable Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair
and Committee Members
Committee on Finance

House of Representatives
The Twenty-Fourth Legislature
Regular Session of 2008

**SUBJECT: Testimony in Support of House Bill 2513, Authorizing the Issuance
of General Obligation Bonds and Making an Appropriation to
the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund
Committee: FIN
Hearing: February 20, 2008 2:30 PM Conference Room 308**

The Kaua'i County Housing Agency strongly supports House Bill 2513. The counties see the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund as a valuable tool in the development of affordable housing projects. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Rainforth".

KENNETH N. RAINFORTH
Executive on Housing



LATE TESTIMONY



**HB 2513 (HSCR 415-08) Authorizing The Issuance of General
Obligation Bonds and Making an Appropriation To The Dwelling
Unit Revolving Fund**
House Committee on Finance

February 20, 2008
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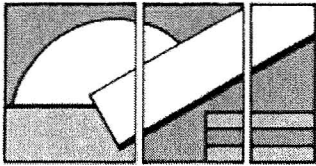
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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs supports the purpose of HB 2513 (HSCR 415-08).

The 2006 Housing Study confirms the need to do affordable rental and for sale housing and doing innovative housing types. Policies addressing the need to develop and create partners to do these units timely need to be adopted. The resources obtained need to be able to devote full time attention to this process along with the appropriate funding. The infusion of funds into the DURF is very much needed for HHFDC to meet the goals of putting our residents into affordable rentals and for sale housing.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



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TESTIMONY ON H. B. 2513, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DWELLING UNIT REVOLVING FUND

Before the House Committee on Finance

February 20, 2008, 2:30 pm (Agenda #2); CONFERENCE ROOM 308

Submitted By: Marvin Awaya, Executive Director

Pacific Housing Assistance Corporation supports HB 2513 and the appropriation to the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund (DURF).

DURF was the first housing revolving fund enacted by the State in 1970 (Act 105) to be used for the development and construction affordable housing. Since then its history of production of for-sale and rental units have been remarkable. It unfortunately went through a period where the corpus of the fund was transferred to the general fund and is now much reduced from its original \$125 million funding.

Appropriations to the DURF will be welcome and we hope that the State Legislature will consider restoring the DURF to at least its original amount. We would hope that the \$30 million contemplated in HB 2513 is the first installment to the DURF in the investment of affordable housing through out Hawaii.

We urge this committee to incorporate this item with at least this amount in the State's budget.

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB2513 RELATING TO AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DWELLING UNIT REVOLVING FUND

House Committee on Finance – 2/20/2008 Agenda #2

Submitted by Keith Kato, Executive Director, Hawaii Island Community Development Corp.

The Hawaii Island Community Development Corporation is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt corporation whose mission is to provide affordable housing for low and moderate income residents. In the course of our work we are involved with self help housing as a means of achieving homeownership and in developing rental housing for low income residents.

We support the passage of House Bill 2513 as it provides resources for the development of more affordable housing for the state and island of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.

FINtestimony

From: Kathleen Hasegawa [kathi@hawaiihabitat.org]

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Committee on Finance

Wednesday, February 20, 2008

2:30 p.m. Room 308

Testimony in support of HB2513 Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds and Making an Appropriation to the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund.

Hawaii Habitat for Humanity supports this measure because it makes critical funds available for the construction of affordable housing. While Habitat for Humanity is unable to use these funds, they could make an important difference

to other developers as they work to make up the severe shortage in affordable housing that we are now experiencing across the islands.

Thank you.

Kathleen Hasegawa

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