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IN REPLY REFER TO

Statement of Orlando "Dan" Davidson

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Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING

February 12, 2008, 8:40 a.m. Room 329, 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. We note, however, that the Executive Supplemental Budget contains a request for \$25 million, and request that the additional appropriation contained in this bill not displace the priorities contained in that budget.

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 plan to produce over 7,300 affordable units from 2008 through 2012.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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February 8, 2008

The Honorable Maile Shimabukuro, Chair and Members of the House Committee on Human Services and Housing Hawaii State Capitol, Room 326 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Shimabukuro 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 12, 2008, 8:40 am

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,

Deborah Kim Morikawa

Director

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