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IN REPLY REFER TO

Statement of
Karen Seddon
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Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

March 17, 2010 9:00 a.m.
Room 325, State Capitol

In consideration of

H.C.R. 262 REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WAIANAE COAST HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ADDRESS THE IMMEDIATE, SHORT-, AND LONG-TERM NEEDS OF THE HOMELESS AND THOSE AT-RISK OF BECOMING HOMELESS.

The HHFDC *has strong concerns* about the creation of another task force as proposed in H.C.R. 262.

The HHFDC is a member of the Governor's HEART (Homeless Efforts Achieving Results Together) team, which has been actively addressing homelessness on the Leeward Coast. Many caring people in the public and private sectors have been working together with a common goal of providing housing and support services to help the homeless. While the HEART team will be phased out, the partnerships that have been formed will continue, and the State entities responsible for homeless services will continue its work. As such, another task force is not needed.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Written Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Housing
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by

John Morton

Vice President for Community Colleges, University of Hawai'i

And

Virginia Hinshaw

Chancellor, University of Hawai'i at Manoa

HCR 262

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Chair Cabanilla, Vice Chair Chong, and Members of the Committee:

The University of Hawai'i stands committed and ready to meet the educational and workforce needs of the citizens of the Leeward Coast, with the goal of providing these individuals with the skills, aptitudes and/or degree certifications to realize a livelihood that contributes to the support of themselves and their families. The University of Hawai'i can also offer critical support that aims to gather data leading to a deeper understanding of the issues and etiology, develop highly coordinated services, propose social policies related to economics and land use, and streamline treatment approaches.

Leeward Housing Coalition

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To: Representative Rida Cabanilla, Chair
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Therefore, I respectfully request that this resolution be passed.

Mahalo nui loa,
Members of the Leeward Housing Coalition

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