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LATE TESTIMONY

February 8, 2010

Committee on Education and Housing
Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

Committee on Transportation, International and Intergovernmental Affairs
Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

Hearing: Monday, February 8, 2010 at 1:15 P.M.
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 225

Re: SB2110 – Relating to Affordable Housing

Testimony in Support

Chairs Sakamoto and English, and members of the joint committees. Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of SB2110, which expedites the construction of affordable housing units by requiring ministerial permits associated with the project to be issued by the state or county within forty-five days of acceptance of the permit application for the project

Housing Hawaii Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation that advocates for the development of affordable housing statewide. HUD's Regulatory Barriers Clearinghouse has identified administrative processes & streamlining as the number primary barriers to affordable housing construction. SB2110 if passed and implemented properly should reduce the permitting issuance time.

We strongly encourage the committees to pass SB2110, for further consideration by the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs

Respectfully,
George Massengale, J.D.
Member, Board of Directors