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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: SB2111 – 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 SB2111, which would shorten the time period within which counties may accept or reject request for dedication of infrastructure for affordable housing by clarifying provision to facilitate the expeditious development of affordable development.

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. Plan reviews and permitting delay can often be exacerbated by proposed infrastructure changes necessary for construction of affordable housing units. SB211 if passed and implemented properly should reduce the permitting issuance time.

We strongly encourage the committees to pass SB2111, for further consideration by the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs

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