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Statement of  
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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND AND HOUSING**

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In consideration of  
**S.B. 1199 RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Solomon, and Members of the Committee on Water, Land and Housing,

HHFDC ***supports the intent*** of S.B. 1199, but feels that the bill is unnecessary. Section 2 of this bill amends section 201H-38 by requiring developers to conduct at least one public meeting, and to make at least one presentation to legislators and the neighborhood board in the district in which the proposed project is located. During the interim, the HHFDC promulgated administrative rules that already place this requirement on all 201H project proposals. The relevant language is as follows:

(d) An eligible developer shall conduct or participate in at least one public meeting in the community or development plan area in which the proposed project is located to solicit community input on the proposed project. The public meeting shall take place prior to corporation action on the project proposal. The eligible developer shall consult with affected community groups such as neighborhood boards, homeowners' associations, surrounding property owners, and the council member for the region.

§15-307-52(d), Hawaii Administrative Rules.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.