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In consideration of HOUSE BILL 2347 RELATING TO GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR REVENUE-PRODUCING UNDERTAKINGS

The City and County of Honolulu (City) supports the adoption of House Bill 2347.

The proposed amendment to HRS Chapter 47-4 would allow the City to pledge certain receipts (including but not limited to rates, rentals, fees, charges, taxes, state or federal grants) in addition to real property taxes to secure its general obligation bonds. Such an additional pledge would provide greater security for bondholders, thereby possibly lowering borrowing costs and strengthening the City's bond ratings.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify before you.

If you have any questions, please call me at 768-3900.