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Statement of  
**Richard C. Lim**  
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before the

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Thursday, March 28, 2013  
2:00 p.m.  
State Capitol, Room 308

In consideration of  
**S.B. 1025, H.D. 2**  
**RELATING TO THE HOUSING LOAN AND MORTGAGE PROGRAM.**

Chair Luke, and Members of the House Committee on Finance.

DBEDT supports S.B. 1025, H.D. 2, an Administration bill. S.B. 1025, H.D. 2 amends the Hula Mae Single Family mortgage loan program to allow broader participation among potential homeowners statewide by allowing more households to qualify for the loan program and offering downpayment assistance as an optional feature.

S.B. 1025, H.D. 2, also deletes obsolete statutory provisions relating to two inactive programs, the Loans to Lenders and Purchase of Existing Loans Programs.

DBEDT respectfully requests that the Committee pass this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of  
**Karen Seddon**  
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Before the

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

March 28, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.  
State Capitol, Room 308

In consideration of  
**S.B. 1025, H.D. 2**  
**RELATING TO THE HOUSING LOAN AND MORTGAGE PROGRAM.**

The HHFDC supports S.B. 1025, H.D. 2, an Administration bill.

S.B. 1025, H.D. 2, amends the Hula Mae Single Family mortgage loan program to allow broader participation among potential homeowners statewide. As of June 30, 2012, the Hula Mae Single Family program has helped over 10,000 families purchase their first homes.

The proposed amendments seek to accomplish the following things: (1) allow more households to qualify for the loan program by eliminating superfluous statutory eligibility criteria that are not mandated by the Internal Revenue Code for loans financed by tax-exempt revenue bonds; (2) offer downpayment assistance as an optional feature of Hula Mae Single Family program loans; and (3) delete statutory provisions within this subpart relating to two inactive programs, the Loans to Lenders and Purchase of Existing Loans Programs. This bill also includes minor housekeeping and technical amendments to correct typographical errors.

We respectfully request your favorable consideration of this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

March 28, 2013

**The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair**  
House Committee on Finance  
State Capitol, Room 308  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**RE: S.B. 1025, H.D.2, Relating to the Housing Loan and Mortgage Program**

**HEARING: AGENDA #1 Thursday, March 28, 2013, at 2:00 p.m.**

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johnanson, and Members of the Committee:

I am Myoung Oh, Government Affairs Director, testifying on behalf of the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS® ("HAR"), the voice of real estate in Hawai'i, and its 8,000 members. HAR **supports** S.B. 1025, H.D.2, which updates the Hula Mae Single Family mortgage loan program to allow for broader program participation and adds a downpayment assistance program as a feature.

While housing continues to be one of the brighter spots in Hawaii's economy, affordable housing is still beyond the reach of many kama'aina – and not just the indigent and working poor. Today's face of affordable housing is not just our homeless, but our child's schoolteacher, our firefighter, nurse and police officer as well. Families that work hard to get on the housing ladder and begin building equity can, in the long run, be more self-reliant than those who don't take that step.

HAR therefore continues to support programs such as the Hula Mae Single Family mortgage loan program which will help promote homeownership for Hawaii's working families.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.