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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of
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Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

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State Capitol, Room 329

In consideration of
H.B. 2448 RELATING TO THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

The HHFDC **supports** H.B. 2448, ***with requested amendments***. H.B. 2448 amends Section 201H-72, HRS, to allow HHFDC to issue revenue bonds to finance infrastructure development on land owned by an eligible developer of an affordable housing project being constructed under a State or county affordable housing requirement.

The lack of available land with infrastructure is a significant barrier to the development of affordable housing statewide. H.B. 2448 would provide another tool by which such infrastructure improvements may be financed.

Section 201H-72, HRS originated from Act 277, Session Laws of Hawaii 1996. Section 5 of Act 277 gave the HHFDC's predecessor agency, the Housing Finance and Development Corporation revenue bond authorization of up to \$125,000,000. Accordingly, we respectfully request that H.B. 2448 be amended by adding a new section amending Section 5 of Act 277 as follows:

SECTION 5. Revenue bonds are hereby authorized to be issued by the Hawaii housing finance and development corporation pursuant to part III, chapter 39, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and subpart B of part II of chapter [~~201E-7~~] 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$125,000,000, at such times and in such amounts as it deems advisable for the purpose for financing the development of infrastructure as provided under section [~~201E-7~~], 201H-72, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.