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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of
Craig K. Hirai
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Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

March 17, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 329

In consideration of
H.C.R. 131

REQUESTING VARIOUS GOVERNMENT ENTITIES, PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING DEVELOPERS, AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO COLLABORATE AND PRODUCE A COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE HOUSING PLAN.

The HHFDC **supports the intent of** H.C.R. 131 and offers the following comments.

- 1. HHFDC is willing to take the lead in drafting the statewide housing plan.**
We are responsible for preparing the State of Hawaii Consolidated Plan, which serves as a statewide housing plan and application for federal housing-related funds. HHFDC collaborates with federal, state and county agencies and obtains public input from nonprofit organizations and other concerned citizens in the preparation of the Consolidated Plan.
- 2. The Consolidated Plan and planning process could be the starting point.**
The focus of the Consolidated Plan is housing assistance for low-and moderate-income households, persons who are homeless, and persons with special housing needs. This could be expanded to include housing for other income groups including the gap group.
- 3. An appropriation to help defray the cost to produce the plan is needed.**
We estimate the need for approximately \$20,000 - \$25,000 for travel, publication, planning venue, and other costs related to producing the plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Hakim Ouansafi
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Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

March 17, 2014 9:30 A.M.
Room 329, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of

House Concurrent Resolution 131

Honorable Chair Hashem and Members of the House Committee on Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 131, which requests various government entities, private sector housing developers, and community organizations to collaborate and produce a comprehensive statewide housing plan.

The HPHA **supports the intent** of HCR 131. The HPHA is moving forward with redeveloping its existing inventory with public private partnerships and looks forward to working together with all entities in coming up with creative ways of producing more affordable rental housing.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the House Committee on Housing with the agency's comments regarding HCR 131. Thank you very much for your dedicated support.



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March 17, 2014

The Honorable Mark J. Hashem, Chair
House Committee on Housing
Twenty-Seventh Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
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Dear Representative Hashem and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: HCR 131 - REQUESTING VARIOUS GOVERNMENT ENTITIES, PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING DEVELOPERS, AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO COLLABORATE AND PRODUCE A COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE HOUSING PLAN.

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **SUPPORTS HCR 131**. The purpose of the concurrent resolution is to request government agencies, the private sector, and community organizations to collaborate and produce a comprehensive statewide housing plan that addresses the housing shortage identified by the 2011 Hawaii Housing Planning Study.

The Council welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with the entities listed on Page 2, lines 22-27, and participate in the completion of a comprehensive statewide housing plan. We are responsible for the development and implementation of a Five-Year State Plan. The current State Plan (FY 2012-2016) includes a Goal, "People with intellectual and developmental disabilities will receive the necessary supports to live self-determined lives and have equal access under the law." One of the objectives to address this goal is that, "Seventy-five per cent of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities live where they state they want to live by September 30, 2016.

Generally, people with DD receive some level of state and federal assistance (general assistance, State Supplemental Income, Social Security Disability Insurance, etc.), fall within the low income category, and are employed in low wage positions. We strongly believe that the comprehensive statewide housing plan should not only address an array of housing options for sale and for rent, but also address how individuals with

DD can access affordable and accessible housing units. As noted, housing for all income levels should be a priority for the housing plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in support of HCR 131**.

Sincerely,


Waynette K.Y. Cabral, MSW
Executive Administrator


J. Curtis Tyler III
Chair



STATEMENT OF



ANTHONY J. H. CHING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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BEFORE THE

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

ON

Monday, March 17, 2014

9:30 A.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 329

in consideration of

**H.C.R 131 – REQUESTING VARIOUS GOVERNMENT ENTITIES,
PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING DEVELOPERS, AND COMMUNITY
ORGANIZATIONS TO COLLABORATE AND PRODUCE A
COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE HOUSING PLAN.**

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Neil Abercrombie
Governor

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Chairperson

Anthony J. H. Ching
Executive Director

Purpose: To create a comprehensive statewide housing plan to address the unmet housing needs of Hawaii residents.

Position: While the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) is not principally a housing agency, we offer the following comments on this measure.

Over 50% of the units that are now being built in Kakaako are reserved for qualified income groups, like Hawaii’s working families. At the conclusion of this building cycle, approximately 37% of all units in Kakaako will be for low and moderate income individuals.

While the HCDA primarily serves a regulatory role in the redevelopment of its Community Development Districts in Kakaako, Kalaeloa, and Heeia, we are committed to being part of the solution, and not the problem.

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The HCDA supports any statewide effort to create more housing opportunities for Hawaii residents. We will collaborate with our sister agencies to produce a comprehensive housing plan and will report to the legislature on our progress.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments on this measure.

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TESTIMONY OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN
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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
IN SUPPORT OF

**HCR 131, REQUESTING VARIOUS GOVERNMENT ENTITIES, PRIVATE SECTOR
HOUSING DEVELOPERS, AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO COLLABORATE AND
PRODUCE A COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE HOUSING PLAN.**

March 17, 2014

Chair Hashem, Vice-Chair Woodson, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) supports this resolution that calls for a comprehensive statewide housing plan. We agree that a comprehensive housing plan that includes all housing agencies can encourage and support appropriate funding allocations to each agency, and a collaborative plan can help maximize these appropriations.

We ask that you consider incorporating language into this resolution that encourages federal agencies or entities that provide housing services to also contribute to the plan, either by participating directly, or by sharing housing data. Additionally, we ask that you include language that allows completed planning work and developments already underway by the state agencies to be incorporated to this broader planning effort. The investment of time and money already made in these existing plans should not be forgone.

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Finally, while we support the intent of this plan, please keep in mind that our department is limited to serving the interests of native Hawaiian beneficiaries (50% blood quantum).

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.



House Committee on Housing
Senator Mark J. Hashem, Chair
Senator Justin H. Woodson, Vice Chair

Testimony in Support of House Concurrent Resolution 131
Relating to Affordable Housing
Submitted by Robert Hirokawa, Chief Executive Officer
March 17, 2014, 9:30 am, Room 329

The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA), which represents the federally qualified community health centers in Hawaii, supports House Concurrent Resolution 131, seeking to address the growing housing crisis in Hawaii by creating a comprehensive statewide housing plan.

The HPCA is a staunch believer in the social determinants of health, those economic and social conditions that influence an individual and a community's health status. These conditions serve as risk factors endemic to a person's living and working environment, rather than their behavioral or genetic histories. Factors such as income, education, access to recreation and healthy foods, housing, and employment, can and do have measurable impacts on a person and a community, both in health and financial outcomes.

House Concurrent Resolution 131 speaks to one of these major determinants by calling together the various state stakeholders to produce a statewide housing plan to address the growing shortage in Hawaii. The plan will be designed to include an array of housing options, available to individuals of varying income levels. It will also be designed to link efforts to existing and developing transportation proposals within the state.

For these reasons, we **strongly support** this measure and thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Community Alliance for Mental Health

March, 17, 2014

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To: House Committee on Housing
Re: HCR 131

Aloha Chair Hashem and the members of the committee,

On behalf of the Community Alliance for Mental Health along with United Self Help we **strongly support** the passage of HCR 131.

The lack of affordable housing is the single most daunting problem facing the disabled population in Hawai'i. Recovery can NOT begin on the street.

The blooming of Medicaid cost in Hawai'i can be directly connected to the increase in homelessness and the extra cost of health care that homelessness causes. People find it very hard to practice preventative health care when they don't know where their next meal is going to come from. They find it almost impossible to worry about hygiene and the prevention of the spread of germs and diseases when they are sleeping on the concrete.

It is impossible to get a job in the service sector when you can't show up to the interview in clean and well pressed clothes. You can't respond in a timely manner to a potential acceptance when you don't have a phone or an answering machine.

Were you to get hired you can't do a good job if you can't get a sound night's sleep and have an alarm clock to wake you up in time.

Again, recovery can't begin on the street. Hawai'i desperately needs more affordable housing and you must include the ancillary cost due to its lack in your calculations.

Scott Wall
VP/ Legislative Advocate
Community Alliance for Mental Health

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