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February 5, 2014 TESTIMONY OF STANLEY CHANG CONCILMEMBER FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU On S.B. No. 2538, RELATING TO HOME LOANS Committee on Human Services/Committee on Economic Development, Government Operations and Housing Thursday, February 6, 2014 1:15 p.m. Conference Room 016

Dear Chairs Chun Oakland and Dela Cruz and Committee Members:

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit testimony in support of S.B. 2538 Relating to Home Loans in my capacity as Councilmember of the City and County of Honolulu.

S.B. 2538 establishes the Hawaii home loan guarantee program to assist residents who have a steady, low or moderate income, and yet are unable to obtain conventional financing with obtaining a home loan from a commercial lender that is guaranteed by the Hawaii housing and finance and development corporation. This bill also establishes the Hawaii home loan guarantee revolving fund as part of the Hawaii home loan guarantee program and appropriates funds to this new revolving fund.

The program created by this measure would help individuals and families move out of rental housing and onto homeownership. This would in turn free up spaces in rental and public housing which could be used to decrease the homeless population.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask for your favorable passage of S.B. 2538 Relating to Home Loans, and thank the Committees for allowing me to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

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