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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of  
**Craig K. Hirai**  
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Before the

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

March 24, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.  
State Capitol, Room 329  
In consideration of

**S.C.R. 2, PROPOSED H.D. 1  
ENCOURAGING THE GOVERNOR TO ISSUE AN EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION  
DECLARING A STATEWIDE HOUSING CRISIS AND THE HAWAII PUBLIC  
HOUSING AUTHORITY, DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS, HAWAII  
HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, AND HAWAII  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO BUILD SUSTAINABLE, MULTI-  
GENERATIONAL, MIXED INCOME, AND MIXED USE HOUSING.**

The HHFDC **supports the intent** of S.C.R. 2, Proposed H.D. 1, but defers to the Governor on the use of emergency powers.

We will continue to work collaboratively with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Hawaii Public Housing Authority, HCDA, county and federal agencies, and private developers and landowners to address the State's housing needs in creative ways, including multi-generational housing, and also mixed income and mixed use development.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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COMMENTS OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN  
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION  
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND  
COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES ON

**SCR 2, ENCOURAGING THE GOVERNOR TO ISSUE AN EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION  
DECLARING A STATEWIDE HOUSING CRISIS AND THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING  
AUTHORITY, DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS, HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE  
AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, AND HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY TO BUILD SUSTAINABLE, MULTI-GENERATIONAL, MIXED INCOME, AND  
MIXED USE HOUSING. (PROPOSED HD 1)**

March 24, 2014

Aloha Chair Hashem, Chair Carroll, and Members of the Committees:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) supports the general intent of this bill which aims to address the state's affordable housing shortage by encouraging development of sustainable, multi-generational, mixed income and mixed use housing.

The department recognizes the need for alternate housing models to meet wide-ranging needs of native Hawaiians on our homestead waitlists. We are currently working with a consultant to develop a feasibility study of alternate models, like kupuna housing and multi-family units, on a parcel in East Kapolei and the Bowl-O-Drome site in Moiliili. These sites are prime for mixed use housing. This study will also consider feasibility for ohana zoning on Hawaiian home lands which could support multi-generational housing and aging in place.

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Going forward, as we develop plans for alternate housing models, we are open to working with Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, and Hawaii Community Development Authority.

Mahalo for your consideration of our comments.

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING  
AND  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

March 24, 2014 11:00 A.M.  
Room 329, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of

**Senate Concurrent Resolution 2, Proposed House Draft 1**

**Encouraging the Governor to Issue an Emergency Proclamation Declaring a Statewide Housing Crisis and the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, and Hawaii Community Development Authority to Build Sustainable, Multi-Generational, Mixed income, and Mixed Use Housing.**

Honorable Chairs Hashem and Carroll, and Members of the House Committee on Housing, and the House Committee on Human Services, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 2, House Draft 1 (HD1), which encourages the Governor to issue an emergency proclamation declaring a statewide housing crisis and also encourages the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to build sustainable, multi-generational, mixed income and mixed use housing.

The HPHA **supports the intent** of SCR 2, HD1, with the understanding that the Governor has discretion in issuing emergency proclamations. The HPHA is moving forward to increase the amount of affordable housing units, and include mixed income redevelopment at Kuhio Park Terrace and Mayor Wright Homes. We look forward to working collaboratively with our sister agencies and any entity that wishes to work together to increase the supply of affordable housing.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the House Committee on Housing and the House Committee on Human Services with the agency's comments regarding SCR 2, HD1. Thank you very much for your dedicated support.



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STATEMENT OF  
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BEFORE THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

AND  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

ON  
Monday, March 24, 2014

11:00 A.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 329

in consideration of

**S.C.R. 2, H.D.1 - ENCOURAGING THE GOVERNOR TO ISSUE AN EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION DECLARING A STATEWIDE HOUSING CRISIS AND THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY, DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS, HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, AND HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO BUILD SUSTAINABLE, MULTI-GENERATIONAL, MIXED INCOME, AND MIXED USE HOUSING.**

**Purpose:** To encourage state agencies to build sustainable, multi-generational, mixed income, and mixed use housing.

**Position:** On February 20, 2014, a joint informational briefing was held at the State Capitol Auditorium to discuss affordable housing issues. Senate and House committees on Housing heard from these same four agencies on the status of their programs to provide housing to families with incomes up to 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI).

It was suggested by House Chair Mark Hashem and Senate Chair Suzanne Chun Oakland, that these four agencies should work together to develop a comprehensive inventory and plan to serve families with incomes up to 80% of the AMI.

While the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) is not a housing agency, but a community development agency, given the spirit and the charge given by both House and Senate Housing chairs, the HCDA will look to work with our sister agencies to identify potential projects of collaboration and construction. In this manner, the HCDA can be counted upon to be a part of the solution and not a part of the problem.

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



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SCR 2, PROPOSED HD1: ENCOURAGING THE GOVERNOR TO ISSUE AN EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION DECLARING A STATEWIDE HOUSING CRISIS AND THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY, DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS, HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, AND HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, AND HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO BUILD SUSTAINABLE, MULTI-GENERATIONAL, MIXED INCOME, AND MIXED USE HOUSING**

TO: Rep. Mark J. Hashem, Housing Chair; Rep. Mele Carroll, Human Services Chair, and Members, Committees on Housing and Human Services

FROM: Betty Lou Larson, Legislative Liaison, Catholic Charities Hawaii

**Hearing: Monday, March 24, 2014; 11:00 am; Room 329**

Chair Hashem, Chair Carroll, and Members, Committees on Housing and Human Services

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in support of SCR 2 HD1** which calls for the Governor to issue an emergency proclamation on the housing crisis in our state, etc. I am Betty Lou Larson, Legislative Liaison for Catholic Charities Hawaii.

Catholic Charities Hawaii is deeply concerned about the impact of our current severe shortage of affordable rental units on the clients that we serve. Health and safety are critical needs, and what is more basic than housing to meet the health and safety needs of our elders, our kids, our homeless and low and moderate income folks who are on the edge and may fall into homelessness.

We applaud your Committees for taking up the challenge to focus attention on this housing crisis. It IS an emergency. We ARE in crisis. Rents have risen over 45% since 2005. Hawaii has the **highest rate of homelessness in the US**. Over 6,000 homeless were counted during the most recent Point in Time count for the State. That is over 6,000 homeless living in our communities ON ONE DAY. Approximately 14,000 homeless were homeless during the past year. Homelessness on the streets impacts on tourism and locals alike. Hawaii needs over 13,000 affordable rental units by 2016, and 50,000 housing units of all types for all our citizens. We are running out of time. We need to act now.

There are many State agencies whose mission is to promote housing, as listed in the Resolution. By working together to address the needs of all our citizens, and especially those who are most vulnerable, we can create a legacy of affordable housing. Creative solutions are called for that will enhance communities and create housing choices. Collaboration between state agencies and with the community are critical to achieve the goal of ensuring that all in Hawaii have a safe and decent place to live.

We urge your support for SCR 2, HD1.



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# Community Alliance for Mental Health

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To: House Committee on Housing and Human Services

Re: SCR 2, HD 1

Aloha Chairs Hashem, Carroll, and the members of their committees,

On behalf of the Community Alliance for Mental Health along with Untied Self Help we **strongly support** the passage of SCR 2, HD 1.

We believe that in fact Hawai'i is suffering from a housing crisis. The lack of affordable housing is the greatest difficulty the disabled face, period!

Large percentages of the baby boomer have failed to adequately provided for their retirement and will be forced to turn to the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority for shelter. There are zero new housing projects planned currently.

There is a drastic shortage of working class housing. As the cost for housing continues to rise at a pace outstripping wage increases we are losing housing necessary for everyday families. Where are the mechanics, hotel workers, bar tenders and such to live.

Yes, a lack of affordable housing could very well be the greatest problem facing our islands. Therefore we strongly support passage of SCR 2, HD 1.

Scott Wall  
Vice President for Policy  
Community Alliance for Mental Health



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**SCR2**

Submitted on: 3/24/2014

Testimony for HSG/HUS on Mar 24, 2014 11:00AM in Conference Room 329

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Z. Arakawa	Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: LURF supports SCR2, and respectfully recommends that HSG/HUS consider the attached proposed HD1 revisions to include the infrastructure to support such sustainable, multi-generational, mixed income and mixed use housing.

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THE SENATE  
TWENTY-SEVENTH  
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STATE OF HAWAII

**S.C.R.** 2  
H.D. 1  
**NO.** Proposed

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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE GOVERNOR TO ISSUE AN EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION DECLARING A STATEWIDE HOUSING CRISIS AND THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY, DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS, HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, AND HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO BUILD SUSTAINABLE, MULTI-GENERATIONAL, MIXED INCOME, AND MIXED USE HOUSING.

WHEREAS, over the past several years, the issue of affordable housing has been at the forefront of people's minds due to rising home prices; and

WHEREAS, rising housing costs are also associated with increased homelessness or families at-risk of becoming homeless and, according to the 2012 Homeless Service Utilization Report, a total of 13,980 individuals statewide experienced homelessness during the 2012 fiscal year and received shelter or outreach services; furthermore, homeless service providers estimate that six thousand homeless people in the State need shelter each night; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2011 Hawaii Housing Planning Study, Hawaii has the lowest rate of homeownership in the country, some of the highest crowding rates, and close to the highest rate of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Housing Planning Study found that up to 50,000 new housing units will need to be built by 2016 to meet the demand generated by changing demographics and economic conditions of the State; and

WHEREAS, according to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority annual report for fiscal year 2012, the Hawaii Public Housing Authority's public housing stock still has extensive and growing capital needs, currently estimated at \$462,000,000, that continue to be underfunded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, affordable housing issues affect people of varying income brackets; and

WHEREAS, many households in the State are multi-generational households, in which grandparents, parents, and children live together; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii is an island state with limited resources and infrastructure, making it critical to encourage sustainable building design, construction, and renovation in a manner that provides a healthier environment, reduces operating costs, and conserves energy and resources; and

WHEREAS, mixed-use housing developments that combine residential units with retail, office, and other commercial space within a single building, help create walkable, robust communities that limit sprawl and reduce transportation-related energy costs; and

WHEREAS, other jurisdictions have experienced success with developing sustainable, multi-generational, mixed income, and mixed use housing; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to chapter 128, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Governor has broad emergency powers including the authority to issue an emergency proclamation to declare a state emergency when necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare or when necessary to maintain the strength, resources, and economic life of the community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Governor is encouraged to issue an emergency proclamation declaring a statewide housing crisis and the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, and Hawaii Community Development Authority are encouraged to build sustainable, multi-generational, mixed income, and mixed use housing and to develop effective alternatives to finance and build the necessary infrastructure to support such housing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Executive Director of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, and Executive Director of the Hawaii Community Development Authority.



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PROTECTING HAWAII'S OHANA, CHILDREN, UNDER SERVED, ELDERLY AND DISABLED

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TO: Representative Mark Hashem, Chair  
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FROM: Scott Morishige, Executive Director, PHOCUSED

HEARING: House Committees on Housing & Human Services  
**Monday, March 24, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. in Conf. Rm. 329**

**Testimony in Support of SCR2 Proposed HD1.**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the proposed HD1 for SCR2, which encourages the Governor to issue an emergency proclamation declaring a statewide housing crisis and the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, and Hawaii Community Development Corporation and Hawaii Community Development Authority to build sustainable, multi-generational, mixed income and mixed use housing. PHOCUSED is a coalition of health, housing, human services agencies and individual advocates committed to strengthening policies and programs to support the marginalized and underserved in Hawaii.

As a community, it is critical that we support the development of housing, which is both safe and affordable for Hawaii's residents. Currently, many Hawaii families struggle to afford just basic housing costs. Through the services that our member organizations provide in the community, our members see a particular need for more development of affordable rental housing for Hawaii's low- and moderate income families.

According to the Corporation for Enterprise Development (CFED), over 56% of Hawaii's renters are housing-cost burdened – paying more than 1/3 of their income to housing costs – which is one of the highest percentages of cost-burdened renters in the nation. In addition, Hawaii has one of the highest rates of homelessness in the U.S., which is partly attributed to our high housing costs and lack of safe and affordable housing stock. The development of new affordable rental housing is critical to our community's ability to reduce homelessness for Hawaii's people, including our seniors and families with young children in the home.

Once again, PHOCUSED strongly urges your support of this resolution and we appreciate the opportunity to provide input on this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact PHOCUSED at 521-7462 or by e-mail at [admin@phocused-hawaii.org](mailto:admin@phocused-hawaii.org).