

# SCR 99

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of  
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Before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT  
OPERATIONS AND HOUSING  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**  
March 20, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.  
State Capitol, Room 016

In consideration of  
**S.C.R. 99**  
**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* S.C.R. 99 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.



**STATE OF HAWAII**  
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The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
Senate Committee on Economic Development,  
Government Operations and Housing  
and

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senate Committee on Human Services  
Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
State Capitol  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senators Dela Cruz and Chun Oakland, and Members of the Committees:

**SUBJECT: SCR 99 - 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 SCR 99**. The purpose of the concurrent resolution is to request government agencies, 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



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING  
AND  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

ON

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COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE HOUSING PLAN.**

**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.

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 TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, AND HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Thursday, March 20, 2014**

**1:30 p.m.**

**Hawaii State Capitol - Room 016**

### **RE: S.C.R. 99, REQUESTING VARIOUS GOVERNMENT ENTITIES, PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING DEVELOPERS, AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO COLLABORATE AND PRODUCE A COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE HOUSING PLAN.**

Dear Chairs Dela Cruz and Chun Oakland, Vice-Chairs Slom and Green, and members of the Committees:

My name is Gladys Marrone, Government Relations Director for the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii), the Voice of the Construction Industry. We promote our members through advocacy and education, and provide community outreach programs to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii. BIA-Hawaii is a not-for-profit professional trade organization chartered in 1955, and affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders.

BIA-Hawaii offers comments on S.C.R. 99, which requests that various government entities, private sector housing developers, and community organizations to collaborate and produce a comprehensive statewide housing plan.

While we support a comprehensive plan to address housing in Hawaii, we strongly urge this committee to utilize recommendations in previously published reports and studies that put forth recommendations in increasing the supply of housing in Hawaii, which we strongly believe is severely lacking and the one of the main causes behind exorbitant median home prices, multi-generational households, and homelessness.

One such study is the *Report and Recommendations (Draft) of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee submitted to the Mayor on April 10, 2006*. While focused on Oahu, the recommendations are applicable Statewide. Recommendations include creating opportunities for increased density, using existing government resources and programs, streamlining/fast tracking permitting and entitlement processes, and providing incentives for the development of affordable housing.

We are not convinced further identifying the challenges of providing more housing is necessary rather, we believe the issue is the lack of political will to implement the findings and recommendations from the previous task forces and groups.

We appreciate the opportunity to share with you our views.



**HPCCA**

HAWAII PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION

**Senate Committee on Economic Development, Government Relations and Housing**

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair

Senator Sam Slom, Vice Chair

**Senate Committee on Human Services**

The Hon. Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

The Hon. Josh Green, Vice Chair

**Testimony in Support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 99**

**Relating to Affordable Housing**

**Submitted by Robert Hirokawa, Chief Executive Officer**

**March 20, 2014, 1:30 pm, Room 016**

The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA), which represents the federally qualified community health centers in Hawaii, supports Senate Concurrent Resolution 99, 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.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 99 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.