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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

April 2, 2014 at 9:25 a.m.  
State Capitol, Room 211

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

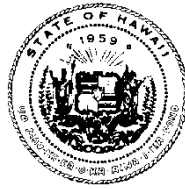
**REQUESTING VARIOUS GOVERNMENT ENTITIES, PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING DEVELOPERS, AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO COLLABORATE AND PRODUCE A COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE HOUSING PLAN.**

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 provide written comments on this Concurrent Resolution.

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Statement of  
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Before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

April 2, 2014 9:25 A.M.  
Room 211, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of

**Senate Concurrent Resolution 99**

Honorable Chair Ige and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 99, 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 SCR 99. 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 Senate Committee on Ways and Means with the agency's comments regarding SCR 99. Thank you very much for your dedicated support.



**STATE OF HAWAII**  
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April 2, 2014

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
State Capitol  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Committee:

**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."

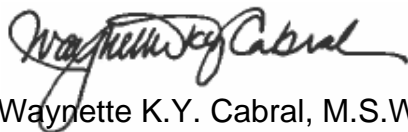
Generally, people with DD receive some level of State and Federal assistance (general assistance, State Supplemental Income, Social Security Disability Insurance, etc.), fall within the low income category, and are employed in low wage positions. We strongly believe that the comprehensive statewide housing plan should not only address

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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 SCR 99.**

Sincerely,



Waynette K.Y. Cabral, M.S.W.  
Executive Administrator



J. Curtis Tyler, III  
Chair

# **BIA-HAWAII**

**BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION**

THE VOICE OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

## **TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS Wednesday, April 2, 2014**

**9:25 a.m.**

**Hawaii State Capitol - Room 211**

### **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.**

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Dear Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Kidani, and members of the Committee:

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.