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STATEMENT OF

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BEFORE THE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

ON

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

9:25 A.M.

State Capitol, Conference 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.**

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.