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January 29, 2016

**TESTIMONY OF MEL RAPOZO
COUNCIL CHAIR, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL
ON**

**HB 1575, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF
EAST KAUAI WORKFORCE AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

House Committee on Housing

Monday, February 1, 2016

8:30 a.m.

Conference Room 329

Dear Chair Hashem and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 1575, Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds and Making an Appropriation for the Purchase of East Kaua'i Workforce Affordable Housing. My testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as the Chair of the Kaua'i County Council.

This measure is included in the 2016 Kaua'i County Council Legislative Package, and I wholeheartedly support this measure that would greatly assist the County of Kaua'i in addressing the growing need for affordable housing for our residents. The County of Kaua'i has the first right of refusal to purchase the workforce units at Courtyards at Waipouli (Courtyards), which enables the units to be affordable to qualified families. The Courtyards was originally built to satisfy a zoning condition to provide workforce housing affordable to qualified families. The affordability requirement of the Courtyards at Waipouli project expires in 2019, allowing the units to be sold and/or rented at market rates, and thereby decreasing the number of available affordable housing units. Authorizing the issuance of General Obligations Bonds and appropriating moneys for the purchase of properties on the east side of Kaua'i will ensure the availability of affordable rental housing for qualified families.

For the reasons stated above, I urge the House Committee on Housing to support this measure. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Council Services Staff at (808) 241-4188.

Sincerely,

MEL RAPOZO
Council Chair, Kaua'i County Council

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I strongly support this measure, which is included in the 2016 Kaua'i County Council Legislative Package, which means that affordable housing is a key priority for the Kaua'i County Council, as it is for the Legislature. The County of Kaua'i has the first right of refusal to purchase the workforce units at Courtyards at Waipouli (Courtyards), which enables the units to be affordable to qualified families. The Courtyards was originally built to satisfy a zoning condition to provide affordable workforce housing for qualified families on a resort development of 800 plus permanent resort units, but the affordability requirement of the project expires in 2019, allowing the units to be sold and/or rented at market rates, and thereby decreasing the number of available affordable housing units. In 2019 when the affordability period expires, low-income families currently living in these affordable units will be forced to move out and seek other housing accommodations, because they will not be able to afford the market rents. Authorizing the issuance of General Obligations Bonds and appropriating moneys for the purchase of properties on the east side of Kaua'i will ensure the availability of and address the urgent need for affordable rental housing for qualified families.

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Chair Hashem and Members of the Committee

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For the reasons stated above, I urge the House Committee on Housing to support this measure. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Council Services Staff at (808) 241-4188.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joann A. Yukimura". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent loop at the end.

JOANN A. YUKIMURA
Councilmember, Kaua'i County Council

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This measure is included in the 2016 Kaua'i County Council Legislative Package, and I wholeheartedly support this measure that would greatly assist the County of Kaua'i in addressing the growing need for affordable housing for our residents. The County of Kaua'i has the first right of refusal to purchase the workforce units at Courtyards at Waipouli (Courtyards), which enables the units to be affordable to qualified families. The Courtyards was originally built to satisfy a zoning condition to provide workforce housing affordable to qualified families. The affordability requirement of the Courtyards at Waipouli project expires in 2019, allowing the units to be sold and/or rented at market rates, and thereby decreasing the number of available affordable housing units. Authorizing the issuance of General Obligations Bonds and appropriating moneys for the purchase of properties on the east side of Kaua'i will ensure the availability of affordable rental housing for qualified families.

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Sincerely,

KIPUKAI KUALII

Councilmember, Kaua'i County Council

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