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February 1, 2016

TO: The Honorable Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
House Committee on Water & Land

FROM: Scott Morishige, MSW, Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness

SUBJECT: **HB 2097 – RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING**

Hearing: Monday, February 1, 2016, 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 325, State Capitol

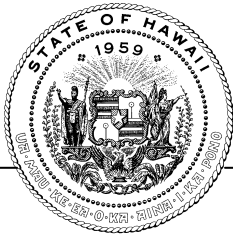
POSITION: The Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness appreciates the intent of this measure, and notes that it is similar in nature to HB2302, an administration bill that would establish a permanent Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented Development to be headed by the Office of Planning and the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC).

PURPOSE: The purpose of the bill is to require the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to coordinate with the Office of Planning and work in conjunction with HHFDC when developing a public housing project on property within one-half mile of a transit station.

The Coordinator recognizes that alignment of government agency efforts is required to address the state's affordable housing and homeless crisis. The Coordinator also notes that this measure is in alignment with Goal 2, Objective 4, Strategy 2 of the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness' Strategic Plan to End Homelessness, which is to increase access to stable and affordable housing by expanding "the supply of

affordable rental housing where they are most needed through federal, state, local and private efforts and partnerships.”

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.



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Statement of
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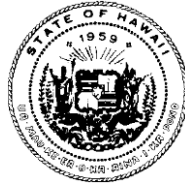
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Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the House Committee on Water and Land.

The Office of Planning (OP) supports the intent of this bill, HB 2097, which requires the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to coordinate with the Office of Planning and work in conjunction with the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation when developing a public housing project on property within one-half mile of a transit station.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Statement of
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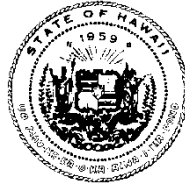
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The HHFDC *supports the intent* of HB 2097. HHFDC is willing to provide assistance to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority on their development projects located within one-half mile of a rail transit station.

We note that this measure is similar in nature to HB 2302, an Administration bill, which would establish a permanent Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented Development to be headed by the Office of Planning and HHFDC.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments on this bill.

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Honorable Chair Yamane and Members of the House Committee on Water and Land, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding House Bill (HB) 2097, relating to public housing.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) provides the following comments with regard to HB 2097, which would require the HPHA to coordinate and collaborate with the Office of Planning and the Hawaii Housing, Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) when developing any public housing project located on property within one-half mile of a transit station.

The HPHA welcomes the opportunity to coordinate and collaborate with the Office of Planning and the HHFDC on its redevelopment projects within one-half mile of a transit station. In fact, the HPHA has engaged and interacted with both agencies, as well as other State agencies, over the past two years with regard to our redevelopment projects. Also, the HPHA continues to participate in the State Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Task Force with these two agencies. Therefore, the HPHA believes a statutory mandate requiring the HPHA's coordination and collaboration with these two agencies is not necessary.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the House Committee on Water and Land with the HPHA's comments regarding HB 2097. We thank you very much for your dedicated support.