HB 278 HD1

Measure Title: RELATING TO THE DWELLING UNIT REVOLVING FUND.

Report Title: Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund; County Subaccount; County Projects

Authorizes the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development

Description: Corporation, upon request by a county, to establish and operate for

the county, a county affordable housing subaccount within the

Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund. (HB278 HD1)

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: HSH/PSM, WAM

Introducer(s): HASHEM, KOBAYASHI, OSHIRO, TOKIOKA



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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of Craig K. Hirai

Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

March 19, 2015 at 1:25 p.m. State Capitol, Room 016

In consideration of
H.B. 278, H.D. 1
RELATING TO THE DWELLING UNIT REVOLVING FUND.

HHFDC <u>supports the intent</u> of H.B. 278, H.D. 1, which would allow HHFDC to establish and operate subaccounts within the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund (DURF) on behalf of the counties, provided that the participating counties provide matching funds up to a limit of \$5,000,000. DURF may be used for the acquisition of real property, development and construction of residential, commercial and industrial properties, and for interim and permanent loans to developers of affordable housing.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Dear Chair Oakland and Chair Espero and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: House Bill No. 278

Relating to the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund

The City and County of Honolulu (City) supports the intent of House Bill No. 278, which authorizes the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) to establish and operate a county affordable housing subaccount within the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund (DURF). The subaccount will allow State DURF funds to be leveraged with county and private funds for the development of affordable housing.

The City is committed to the creation of more affordable housing units across our island. The DURF subaccounts will help to encourage the development of these units, especially within the transit corridor. The City released its draft Islandwide Housing Strategy (Strategy) in September 2014. Included in the Strategy is the ongoing cooperative efforts of City and State departments to maximize funding mechanisms, which include the creation of a Transit Oriented Affordable Housing (TOAH) leveraged finance structure which this legislation will help to develop. TOAH financing has been created in transit rich communities like Atlanta, Denver, the San Francisco Bay Area and the Twin Cities and has helped to develop affordable housing units in high cost communities.

The City and County of Honolulu encourages your committee to move House Bill No. 278 forward. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments: The land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii SUPPORTS HB 278, HD1, RELATING TO THE DWELLING UNIT REVOLVING FUND ("DURF"), which authorizes the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, upon request by a county, to establish and operate for the county, a county affordable housing subaccount within the DURF. (HB278 HD1)

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