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Statement of
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND

Monday, March 21, 2016
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

in consideration of
HCR 10

**URGING VARIOUS GOVERNMENT ENTITIES WHO MANAGE AND OWN LAND
AROUND EACH OF THE PLANNED RAIL TRANSIT STATIONS TO CONSIDER
AND INCLUDE IN DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSIONS, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT
POSSIBLE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES, ELDERLY
SERVICES, AND OTHER BENEFICIAL OPPORTUNITIES
FOR THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII.**

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

The Office of Planning (OP) supports HCR 10. The Administration believes that transit-oriented development (TOD) has the potential to bring together elements of affordable housing, health and community services, educational and economic development opportunities, and commercial and retail activities to enliven neighborhoods around the planned rail stations of the Honolulu Rail Transit Project and to revitalize our urban centers.

OP has supported this concept through its participation in the State Agency Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Task Force meetings convened by State legislators and chaired by Senator Chun Oakland. As the Task Force starts to focus on master planning around key State project areas, we anticipate continuing to encourage State agencies to think broadly in terms of how their individual projects can contribute to the co-location of services, programs, and housing to foster more livable and sustainable mixed use communities along the rail corridor.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Statement of
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HHFDC supports H.C.R. 10. The Administration believes that transit-oriented development (TOD) brings together elements of affordable housing, health and community services, educational and economic development opportunities, and commercial and retail activities to enliven neighborhoods around the City and County of Honolulu's planned rail stations to revitalize our urban centers.

HHFDC currently participates in the State Agency TOD Task Force meetings convened by State legislators and chaired by Senator Chun Oakland. We will continue to work with other State agencies to coordinate development along the planned rail stations to provide needed services, programs, and affordable housing to foster sustainable mixed use communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.