SB2823

RELATING TO THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT Measure Title:

CORPORATION.

Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Executive Report Title:

Director Salary

Authorizes the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development

Corporation Board of Directors to set the salary of the Hawaii

Description: Housing Finance and Development Corporation Executive Director in

an amount not to exceed the salary of the Director of Business,

Economic Development, and Tourism. Effective 7/1/2016.

Companion: HB2294 Package: Governor **Current Referral:** HOU, WAM

Introducer(s): KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)





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Statement of **LUIS P. SALAVERIA Director**

Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 2:45 p.m. State Capitol, Room 225

In consideration of S.B. 2823 RELATING TO THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

Chair Harimoto, and Members of the Senate Committee on Housing.

DBEDT supports S.B. 2823, an Administration bill. This bill authorizes the HHFDC Board of Directors to set the salary of the HHFDC Executive Director at an amount not to exceed the salary of the DBEDT Director, subject to a Legislative reporting requirement. Passage of this bill would allow the HHFDC Board of Directors to attract and keep qualified individuals in a very demanding position.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Statement of LEILANI PULMANO

Chair, Board of Directors
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The HHFDC Board of Directors <u>strongly supports</u> S.B. 2823, an Administration bill. S.B. 2823 is similar to H.B. 1025, which was carried over from the 2015 Regular Session.

S.B. 2823 would allow the Board to set the salary of the HHFDC Executive Director at a level not to exceed the salary of the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism. The ability to provide the Executive Director with a reasonable salary is a critical governance tool for the HHFDC Board. The Board already exercises oversight over Executive Director compensation through establishing and monitoring goals and objectives and conducting annual performance evaluations. Passage of S.B. 2823 will give us the necessary tools to reward exemplary performance as well as attract and retain experienced qualified directors.

For these reasons, HHFDC respectfully requests that the Committee support this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.