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Statement of
LEO R. ASUNCION
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEES ON HOUSING, AND WATER & LAND
Tuesday, March 21, 2017
10:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 423

in consideration of
SB 715, SD2
**RELATING TO THE SPECIAL ACTION TEAM ON AFFORDABLE RENTAL
HOUSING.**

Chairs Brower and Yamane, Vice Chairs Nakamura and Kong, and Members of the House Committees on Housing, and Water & Land.

The Office of Planning (OP) supports SB 715, SD2, which proposes to expand the membership of the Special Action Team on Affordable Rental Housing created under Act 127, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016 by including the Executive Director of the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) and the Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA).

OP agrees that the collaborative efforts of the Special Action Team would benefit with the membership of HCDA and HPHA to achieve the State's Affordable Rental Housing goals and tasks set forth in Act 127, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
AND
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND**

**Tuesday, March 21, 2017
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In consideration of
SB715, SD2
RELATING TO THE SPECIAL ACTION TEAM ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Honorable Chair Brower, Honorable Chair Yamane, and Members of the House Committee on Housing and Committee on Water & Land, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony concerning Senate Bill 715, Senate Draft 2, relating to the special action team on affordable housing.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) supports SB 715, SD2, which adds the executive director of the Hawaii community development authority and the executive director of the HPHA to the special action team on affordable rental housing.

The HPHA welcomes the opportunity to join this team, as we are committed to promoting adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and a sustainable living environment for low income families and individuals, free from discrimination. The HPHA makes every effort to better the lives of the over 30,000 individuals that we serve and those who are in need of assistance.

The HPHA has been included in discussions with the Special Action team and the administration, and we look forward to continue working collaboratively to address the State's housing crisis.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the House Committees on Housing and Water & Land with the HPHA's comments regarding SB 715, SD2. We thank you very much for your dedicated support.



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HOUSE COMMITTEES ON HOUSING AND WATER AND LAND

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in consideration of

**SB 715, SD2 – RELATING TO THE SPECIAL ACTION TEAM ON
AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING.**

Chairs Brower and Yamane, Vice Chairs Nakamura and Kong, and members of the committee.

This testimony reflects my view alone. The Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) has not reviewed or acted on this measure.

In my capacity as the HCDA Executive Director I respectfully offer **comments** on SB 715, SD2. There is a dire need for rental housing for low-income families statewide. Regionally in the Kakaako Community Development District, there are three active affordable housing projects that have been approved that would add 365 affordable rentals over the next few years.

Presently, HCDA owns very little underdeveloped or undeveloped land in the district suitable for housing projects. Most of the developable lands suitable for housing projects are owned by private landowners.

Generally, HCDA supports any effort that will further the development of affordable rentals for Hawaii's working families. Adding the Executive Director of HCDA or his designee to the special action team would bring the development expertise to bear.

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

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