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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of
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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

April 4, 2017 at 9:45 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 211

In consideration of
S.C.R. 145, S.D. 1/S.R. 67, S.D. 1
**REQUESTING THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION TO DEVELOP A COLLABORATIVE PLAN TO BEST LEVERAGE
AVAILABLE STATE AND COUNTY FUNDS TO BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING
PROJECTS AND AN EXPLORATION OF THE FEASIBILITY OF TRANSFERRING A
PARCEL OF LAND IN KAHULUI, MAUI, TO THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.**

The HHFDC *supports the intent* of S.C.R. 145, S.D. 1 and S.R. 67, S.D. 1. HHFDC works in partnership with stakeholders and other State and County housing agencies to coordinate our affordable housing development efforts statewide. We also support providing more land and resources for affordable housing development. These resolutions are consistent with this approach.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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April 3, 2017

TO: The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Mike White
Council Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike White".

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF APRIL 4, 2017; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SCR 145, SD 1 REQUESTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COLLABORATIVE PLAN TO BEST LEVERAGE STATE AND COUNTY FUNDS TO BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS AND AN EXPLORATION OF THE FEASIBILITY OF TRANSFERRING A PARCEL OF LAND IN KAHULUI, MAUI, TO THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to develop a collaborative plan to best leverage available state and county funds to build affordable housing projects.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I **support** this measure for the following reasons:

1. As partners in governance, this measure is an opportunity to work together and directly impact the lives of constituents both the state and counties serve. The property involved located at 153 West Kaahumanu Avenue in Kahului is to be used for a mixed-use affordable rental housing project, which can begin once transferred to the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.
2. The property is ideally situated in Central Maui, in close proximity to community amenities such as public transit, schools, shops, businesses, parks and medical clinics.
3. The most recent Hawaii Housing Planning Study notes 12,000 housing units on Maui are needed until 2025. There is also an estimated 1,400 homeless individuals on Maui County. The Maui County Council is committed to supporting legislation, methods, and programs that will increase the availability of affordable housing.

For the foregoing reasons, I **support** this measure.

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Submitted on: 4/3/2017

Testimony for WAM on Apr 4, 2017 09:45AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carol Reimann	County of Maui	Support	No

Comments: Maui County strongly supports the measure, as we are in dire need of additional affordable housing units. The particular parcel identified is ideally situated for a mixed-use and affordable rental project. We urge you to support this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. Sincerely, Carol Reimann

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
stan franco	Face Maui	Support	No

Comments: Land is the critical piece for developing housing our local people truly need. This is an opportunity to get a centrally located piece of state land that can be developed for our local people. We support the transfer this land to HHFDC with the proviso that this land be developed for people with household incomes of under 80% of AMI. Face Maui sees this income group of people in most need for affordable housing. We support SCR 145.

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April 1, 2017

Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Committee on Ways and Means
Hawaii State Capital
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Subject: SCR 145, SD1/SR67,SD1 requesting the development of a collaborative plan to best leverage state and county funds to build affordable housing projects and an exploration of the feasibility of transferring a parcel of land in Kahului, Maui to the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Dear Chair Tokuda and Committee Members:

We strongly support SCR 145, SD1/SR67,SD1 requesting the development of a collaborative plan to best leverage state and county funds to build affordable housing projects and an exploration of the feasibility of transferring a parcel of land in Kahului, Maui to the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Housing and Land Enterprise of Maui, dba Na Hale O Maui is a Nonprofit 501 (c) 3 created to provide affordable housing in Maui County in perpetuity. Our Mission is "To secure and preserve a permanent supply of affordable housing alternatives for low and moderate income households in Maui County." We support the intent of legislation that increases affordable housing in Maui County.

The State of Hawaii Consolidated Plan for Program Years 2015through 2019 estimates the projected housing need for Maui County as approximately 13,994 housing units including 4,857 affordable rentals and 9,137 affordable for sale units.

Approving SCR 145, SD1/SR67,SD1 can result in critically needed affordable rentals in Maui County by transferring tax map key 3-7-004-003-0000 (153 Ka'ahumanu Avenue) to HHFDC for future development of a mixed-use affordable rental housing project.

We respectfully request your support of SCR 145, SD1/SR67,SD1 to ultimately increase affordable rental housing in Maui.

Sincerely

Cassandra Abdul
Executive Director

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tom Blackburn-Rodriguez	Go Maui.inc	Support	No

Comments: Go Maui strongly supports the bill and its intent to assist in meeting the affordable housing needs of Maui County.

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Joseph D Pluta	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please accept my Strong Support of Approving this transfer of property to the production of an affordable and mixed use housing project. I have been a Maui Real Estate Broker for nearly 40 years and recognize the need for more affordable housing in this area which ideally suited for affordable housing. Malama Pono ame Mahalo, Joseph D Pluta 808-283-4533

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