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- TO: Honorable Jill M. Tokuda, Chair Senate Committee on Ways and Means
- FROM: Stacy Helm Crivello Councilmember
- DATE: Hearing on Tuesday, April 4, 2017
- SUBJECT: SUPPORT OF SCR 145, SD1/SR 67, 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to request 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.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

- 1. Maui County like the rest of the state faces a critical lack of affordable rentals and properties for sale as well as a growing homeless population due to the lack of affordable housing.
- 2. The referenced parcel is in close proximity to community amenities including medical clinics, shopping, businesses, educational institutions and public transportation.
- 3. The Hawaii Housing Planning Study projects Maui County as needing 12,000 housing units for the period 2015 to 2025. The intent for the parcel in Kahului is mixed-use affordable rentals.

For the foregoing reasons, I support this measure. 2017SCR145SD1SR67SD1Support