# **SCR145**

REQUESTING THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

CORPORATION TO DEVELOP A COLLABORATIVE PLAN TO BEST Measure Title:

LEVERAGE AVAILABLE STATE AND COUNTY FUNDS TO BUILD

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS.

Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Affordable Report Title:

Housing Projects; Collaborative Plan

Description:

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: HOU/PSM, WAM

ESPERO, S. Chang, Harimoto, Keith-Agaran, Nishihara, K. Rhoads, Introducer(s):

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of
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Before the

## SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

March 28, 2017 at 2:45 p.m. State Capitol, Room 225

In consideration of S.C.R. 145/S.R. 67

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.

The HHFDC <u>supports the intent</u> of S.C.R. 145 and S.R. 67. HHFDC works in partnership with stakeholders and other State and County housing agencies to coordinate our affordable housing development efforts statewide. S.C.R. 145 and S.R. 67 are consistent with this approach.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



### TESTIMONY OF CAROL REIMANN DIRECTOR OF HOUSING & HUMAN CONCERNS COUNTY OF MAUI

### BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES HOUSING (HOU) & PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL & MILITARY AFFAIRS (PSM)

Tuesday, March 28, 2017 2:45pm – Conference Room 225

SCR 145 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

Honorable Will Espero, Chair, Committee on HOU
Honorable Breen Harimoto, Vice Chair, Committee on HOU
Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Chair, Committee on PSM
Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair, Committee on PSM
Honorable Members of the Senate Committees on HOU & PSM

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in SUPPORT OF SCR 145.

On behalf of the County of Maui, I support the measure and request the following:

- Urge DAGS, HHFDC, Maui County to work on a MOU, as necessary, to transfer TMK 37040030000 to HHFDC
- The property referenced is to be used for a mixed-use affordable rental housing project
- Allow HHFDC to work with County and State to determine government-owned lands that could be transferred to HHFDC for the purpose of building affordable housing

Once transferred to HHFDC, the parcel will be ideal to build affordable rentals. This parcel is situated in Central Maui, in close proximity to community amenities such as transit, shops, businesses, parks and medical clinics.

Maui County has a dire need for additional affordable housing. The most recent Hawaii Housing Planning Study indicates a need for 12,000 housing units on Maui for 2015-2025.

For these reasons, I strongly support SCR 145

Respectfully yours,

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Director of Housing & Human Concerns

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#### **SCR145**

Submitted on: 3/27/2017

Testimony for HOU/PSM on Mar 28, 2017 14:45PM in Conference Room 225

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Present at Hearing
Margaret Graybill	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Affordable (below 80%) housing can happen if there is an organized effort to provide incentives to developers to do it as part of the original development. Right now, they can put a few bucks in housing fund jar and then take up another piece of property with a high rise of million dollar units. The governmental bodies involved with housing need to work together to make building the affordable housing easier than not building it.

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