



STATE OF HAWAII

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM
HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of
Craig K. Hirai
Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation
Before the

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

April 13, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 423

In consideration of
**S.C.R. 22 APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN
41-659 INOAOLE STREET, WAIMANALO, HAWAII.**

The HHFDC supports S.C.R. 22. HHFDC is seeking legislative approval to sell the leased fee interest in this single family home to its leasehold owner. This house was built in 1975 as part of the Hale Aupuni affordable for-sale development. Only 17 homes out of the 190 homes in the development remain in leasehold. The fair market value of the leased fee interest in 41-659 Inoaole Street as of April 26, 2016 was \$138,600.

A title search conducted by Title Guaranty of Hawaii on August 24, 2016, showed that this parcel was classified as Government land previous to August 15, 1895. HHFDC conducted a public meeting on the proposed sale on August 10, 2016, at Waimanalo Public & School Library, Waimanalo, Hawaii, following publication of notice in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser newspaper on August 3 and 5, 2016. There was no objection to the proposed sale raised at that time.

HHFDC has also worked with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs during the interim to keep them informed of these findings and intent to sell the leased fee interest in this parcel. A copy of the draft resolution was provided to OHA on October 3, 2016.

The attached documents provide more information on this property:

1. A map showing the general location of Hale Aupuni;
2. A photo of the property; and
3. A copy of the title report for the parcel.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Google Maps 41-659 Inoaole St



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41-659 Inoaole St
Waimanalo, HI 96795





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ELAINE GOMA
STATE OF HAWAII – HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REAL ESTATE SERVICES SECTION
677 QUEEN STREET, SUITE 300
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

Re: TG Order No. 201627011
Project: HALE AUPUNI
Unit/Lot No: 24
Property Address: 41-659 Inoaole Street, Waimanalo, Hawaii 96795
TMK: (1) 4-1-033-024
Lessee: Davelyn Sue K. Kanewa

Dear Ms. Goma,

In accordance with your request of August 11, 2015, I confirm that as of **August 15, 1895**, the subject land was part of the **Government (Crown) Land of Waimanalo**.

In the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, the subject land, besides other land, was designated as "available land".

By Exchange Deed dated January 8, 1962, recorded in the Bureau of Conveyances in Liber 4265 at Page 425, the DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS of the State of Hawaii conveyed the subject land, besides other land, to the STATE OF HAWAII by its Board of Land and Natural Resources.

By Land Patent Grant Number S-15,206 dated September 5, 1974, the STATE OF HAWAII, by its Board of Land and Natural Resources, conveyed the subject land, besides other lands to the HAWAII HOUSING AUTHORITY, a Hawaii corporation and body public..

The corporate name of HAWAII HOUSING AUTHORITY was changed to HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF HAWAII as set forth in Land Court Order No. 131893 filed June 25, 1998.

Elaine Goma
August 24, 2016
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The corporate name of HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF HAWAII was changed to HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION as set forth in Land Court Order No. 166725 filed June 30, 2006 and Land Court Order No. 171023 filed February 6, 2007.

Please note by Limited Warranty Assignment of Lease dated August 28, 2015, recorded as Document No. A-57800691, Davelyn Sue K. Kanewa, Personal Representative of the Estate of Susan Kealoha Kanewa, also known as Susan K. Kanewa, deceased, filed in the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, State of Hawaii, in Probate Number 14-1-0669, assigned all interest in that certain Lease dated February 20, 1976, to DAVELYN SUE K. KANEWA, wife of Arn Delmar Dyreson.

Please be informed that liability for any actual loss incurred by reason of any incorrectness herein is limited to the lesser of \$3,500.00 or two times the amount paid for this product.

Should you have any follow-up questions or comments, please contact me; I can be reached directly by phone at (808) 533-5834, by fax at (808) 533-5870 or by email at cuahinui@tghawaii.com.

Yours truly,



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Lead Senior Title Abstractor
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Statement of
LUIS P. SALAVERIA
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Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
before the

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

Thursday, April 13, 2017
11:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room #423

In consideration of

**SCR 19 APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 41-529
INOAOLE STREET, WAIMANALO, HAWAII;**

**SCR 20 APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 41-648
INOAOLE STREET, WAIMANALO, HAWAII;**

**SCR 21 APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 41-652
INOAOLE STREET, WAIMANALO, HAWAII;**

**SCR 22 APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 41-659
INOAOLE STREET, WAIMANALO, HAWAII;**

**SCR 23 APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 41-1362
WAIKALOA STREET, WAIMANALO, HAWAII;**

**SCR 24 APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 95-029
KUAHELANI AVENUE, NO. 128, MILILANI, HAWAII;**

**SCR 25 APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 94-946
MEHEULA PARKWAY, NO. 264, MILILANI, HAWAII;**

**SCR 26 APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 94-946
MEHEULA PARKWAY, NO. 363, MILILANI, HAWAII;**

**SCR 27 APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 94-950
MEHEULA PARKWAY, NO. 367, MILILANI, HAWAII; and**

**SCR 28 APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 47-394
KEOHAPA PLACE, KANEOHE, HAWAII.**

Chair Brower, Vice Chair Nakamura, Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Kong, and members of the Committees on Housing and Water & Land.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) **supports** SCR19 through SCR 28, all part of the Administration's legislative package. HHFDC is seeking legislative approval to sell the leased fee interest in these homes to their respective leasehold owners. HHFDC has met all statutory prerequisites to request approval of the sale of these parcels.

Accordingly, DBEDT respectfully requests that the Committee pass these concurrent resolutions. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

SCR22/ HCR16

Measure Title: APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 41-659 INOAOLE STREET, WAIMANALO, HAWAII.

Report Title: Approving the Sale of the Leased Fee Interest in 41-659 Inoaole Street, Waimanalo, Hawaii

Welina mai kakou,

Mahalo for the opportunity to propose my testimony.

My name is Davelyn Kanewa & I am writing on behalf of my 'ohana who have lived & continue to live in our "family home" at 41-659 Inoaole Street in the Hale 'Aupuni subdivision in beautiful Waimanalo, O'ahu. This home has seen our 'ohana history from my single-mother raising two daughters to my son currently living in the home, in hopes of raising his two daughters with his 'ohana.

With the current housing market crisis in our home state, we all face hard times. This was not such a different scenario growing up in Waimanalo. My mother was the only single-parent homeowner on Inoaole street back in 1975 according to property tax maps of our subdivision. With assistance from various means of support, my mother made it possible for herself & her daughters to have a roof over our heads & provide the basic necessities we needed in order to grow up to be contributing members of our communities then & now. My mother has since passed, my sister works at Kailua High School, I work in the Hawai'i Department of Education as well & my son builds & maintains cellular/ radio towers throughout Hawai'i state.

The lack of affordable housing for Hawai'i 'ohana who have long been committed to keeping Hawai'i their home has & continues to be an ominous force to reckon with. Having these concurrent resolutions as contingencies affords our 'ohana the possibility of purchasing & owning a home in our home state. Our 'ohana have both a pre & post-colonial history & we would like your vote to help keep this Hawai'i 'ohana from becoming statistics of the foreboding housing market our state continues to suffer from.

*Further more, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) offered the following COMMENTS on SCR19/ HCR13 , SCR20/ HCR14 & SCR21/HCR15 which approves the sale of the leased fee interest in these single-family homes in the Hale Aupuni affordable housing project. **The exact same subdivision my family home resides on. These are, literally, my nextdoor neighbors.** While the lands identified for the sale of the leased fee interest in SCR19 are "ceded" lands, the proposed sale falls within an OHA Board of Trustees (BOT) Executive Policy, which provides that OHA will not oppose such a resolution. Accordingly, OHA does not oppose the sale of this leased fee interest.*

These concurrent resolutions have been offered for consideration by the Legislature in accordance with Act 176, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2009, as amended. Among other things, Act 176 requires a two-thirds approval by both houses of the Legislature before any specific lands controlled by the State can be sold (including, but not limited to, "ceded" lands).

In general, sales of "ceded" lands raise significant concerns for OHA and its beneficiaries, because the Native Hawaiian people's unrelinquished claims to "ceded" lands have yet to be resolved. In response to Act 176 (2009) and Act 169 (2011), the BOT adopted a "Ceded Lands" policy which states:

OHA reaffirms its policy to protect the ceded lands corpus until the unrelinquished claims of Native Hawaiians are resolved, and OHA shall oppose the alienation of any ceded lands by the State of Hawai'i, except in the following limited situations ... (1) OHA shall not oppose a resolution submitted to the Hawai'i State Legislature pursuant to Act 176 (2009) and Act 169 (2011) for the sale of fee simple interest of apartments, townhouses, and houses for home ownership, where... [2] there have been prior sales in the same development to the extent that the units have previously been substantially sold, or [3] sales of the fee simple interest were approved by the responsible state housing agency prior to the filing of the lawsuit OHA v. Hawaii Finance and Development Corporation, Civil No. 94-4207-11, First Circuit Court, State of Hawai'i, November 4, 1994. (emphasis added).

While the listed concurrent resolutions listed above propose the sale of "ceded" lands, consistent with the policy exceptions cited above, OHA does not oppose the proposed sale of the leased fee interests at 41-529, 41-648, 41-652 Inoaole Street for the following reasons:

- *□ As of 2015, 173 of 190 of the total units in Hale Aupuni have had the fee simple interest sold (roughly 91% sold), indicating that units "in the same development... have previously been substantially sold;" and*
- *□ On January 12, 1990, the Housing Finance and Development Corporation (predecessor of the current Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation) Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve the sale of the fee simple interest in Hale Aupuni. The Housing Finance and Development Corporation, as "the responsible state housing agency," approved the sale of the fee interests in Hale Aupuni prior to the filing of the OHA v. HFDC lawsuit on November 4, 1994.*

Accordingly, OHA does not oppose the proposed sale in SCR19/ HCR13 , SCR20/ HCR14 & SCR21/HCR15. While I cannot speak on behalf of OHA, however, their approval for these concurrent resolutions within the exact same Hale Aupuni subdivision leads me to concur that they would be hard pressed to oppose the sale of HCR16/ SCR22.

Our circumstances then & now are humble. We aspire to live simply & to simply live. With this in mind along with the opportunity to purchase the piece of land under our home this year secures our belief. Your support in approving this resolution to purchase the leased fee interest will make it a reality.

Our 'ohana anticipate favorable acknowledgement in support of our concurrent resolutions s.c.r22 & h.c.r16. Mahalo in advance to the Senate & House Committees of WAM, HOU, WAL, FIN & HSG. Your time & consideration are greatly appreciated.

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