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Statement of LUIS P. SALAVERIA Director Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

March 30, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. State Capitol, Room 211

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 Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

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MARY ALICE EVANS DEPUTY DIRECTOR DBEDT <u>supports</u> S.C.R. 19 through S.C.R. 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 provide written comments.



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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

March 30, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. State Capitol, Room 211

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

The HHFDC <u>supports</u> 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments in support of this Concurrent Resolution.

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,

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.

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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