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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: 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



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