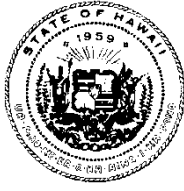


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Statement of  
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Before the

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

February 7, 2018 at 9:45 a.m.  
State Capitol, Room 329

In consideration of  
**H.B. 2748**  
**RELATING TO HOUSING.**

The HHFDC supports H.B. 2748, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Supplemental Budget request. H.B. 2748 requires HHFDC to conduct a study on the current and future demand for and supply of affordable housing suitable for persons with special needs and appropriates \$50,000 in General Funds for that purpose.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**HB-2748**

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Testimony for HSG on 2/7/2018 9:45:00 AM

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Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities	Support	No

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**PRESENTATION OF THE**

**OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII**

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**RE: Testimony in Support** of HB 2475, RELATING TO HOUSING

To the Honorable Tom Brower, Chair; the Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee on Housing:

To the Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair; the Honorable Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee on Health & Human Services:

Good morning. My name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of

Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on House Bill No.2748 regarding Hawaii housing finance and development corporation to study the current and future demand and supply of affordable housing suitable for individuals with special needs.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of House Bill No. 2748 and support its passage.

House Bill No.2748 is in accord with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it requires the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to conduct a study on the current and future demand and supply of affordable housing suitable for individuals with special needs,

Specifically, the DPH Platform provides that we "believe in the concept of "Housing First" to develop affordable, stable housing and support services to break the cycle of homelessness for people with the fewest housing options.

We support dedicated social services and housing opportunities for Hawaii's homeless population to get them off the streets and reintegrated into society, with specific devoted services for disenfranchised groups including but not limited to, the Hawaiian community, aged-out foster kids, youth, returning veterans, the aged, and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender homeless." (Platform of the DPH, P. 7, Lines 352-358 (2016)).

Given that House Bill No, 2748 requires the Hawaii housing finance and development corporation to study the current and future demand and supply of affordable housing suitable for individuals with special needs, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ **Melodie Aduja**

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