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Statement of  
**LUIS P. SALAVERIA**  
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before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL,  
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS AND  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING**

Tuesday, February 6, 2018  
2:45 p.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

in consideration of  
**SB 2758**  
**RELATING TO HOUSING.**

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, Chair Espero, Vice Chair Harimoto, and Members of the Committees on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, and Housing.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) strongly supports SB 2758, an Administration bill.

This bill would expand the Chapter 201H 45-day expedited approval process for affordable housing projects to include expedited approvals of district boundary amendments of parcels less than 15 acres that require the approval of the applicable county land use decision-making body or the Hawaii Community Development Authority. DBEDT supports this proposal, which stems from discussions of the Special Action Team on Affordable Rental Housing.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer support on SB 2758.



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STATEMENT OF

GARETT KAMEMOTO, INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

BEFORE THE  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING**  
AND  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY,  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

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in consideration, of

**SB2758 – RELATING TO HOUSING**

Chairs Espero and Nishihara, Vice Chairs Harimoto and Wakai, and  
Members of the Senate Committees.

The Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) has not acted on  
this measure. However, in my capacity as the HCDA Interim Executive Director,  
I respectfully support SB2758.

The HCDA reserved housing rules were created to increase the supply of  
housing for residents of low- or moderate-income within the Kakaako community  
development district. Thus, HCDA strongly supports SB2758 because it would  
expedite governmental approvals, and possibly save time and money, creating a  
new incentive in the community development district to stimulate housing  
development.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Before the

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

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In consideration of  
**S.B. 2758**  
**RELATING TO HOUSING.**

The HHFDC ***strongly supports*** S.B. 2758, an Administration bill. This bill would expand the Chapter 201H 45-day expedited approval process for affordable housing projects to include expedited approvals of district boundary amendments that require the approval of the applicable county land use decision-making body or the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

Chapter 201H, HRS, already provides for a 45-day approval process for affordable housing projects seeking district boundary amendments from the State Land Use Commission, as well as for projects seeking county approvals and exemptions relating to planning, zoning, construction standards for subdivisions, development and improvement of land, and the construction of dwelling units thereon. Establishing a 45-day approval process for affordable housing projects requiring district boundary amendments for land areas of fifteen acres or less within the jurisdiction of the counties, and, for lands under control of the Hawaii Community Development Authority could expedite governmental approvals and lower development costs. This proposal would provide a new incentive to spur affordable housing development.

We respectfully request your favorable consideration of this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Testimony of the Office of the Governor  
State of Hawai'i

Before the  
**Senate Committee on Housing**  
And the  
**Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs**

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In consideration of  
**Senate Bill No. 2758**  
**RELATING TO HOUSING**

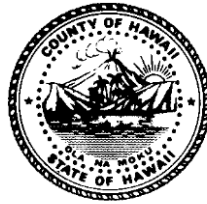
Chairs Espero and Nishihara, Vice Chairs Harimoto and Wakai, and committee members:

The Office of the Governor **strongly supports Senate Bill 2758**. Housing is a top priority for the Ige administration. Governor Ige convened a housing task force comprised of representatives from the Land Use Research Foundation, the Building Industry Association, the development community, housing advocacy organizations, and the state legislature to work collaboratively on solutions to the housing shortage.

This measure supports the goals of the task force by expediting the delivery of affordable housing in Hawai'i by establishing a 45 day approval deadline for district boundary amendment requests to the county and the Hawai'i Community Development Authority on parcels 15 acres or less.

We urge you to pass this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Testimony by  
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**Director, County of Hawai'i Planning Department**  
before the  
**COMMITTEE ON HOUSING**  
**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY**  
**AFFAIRS**  
**State Capitol, Conference Room 225**  
**in consideration of**  
**SB 2758**  
**Relating to Housing**

The County of Hawai'i Planning Department would like to express its **SUPPORT** of H.B. 2331 and S.B. 2758 that provides for an expedited land use approval process relating to affordable housing projects, especially since it would similarly align the Chapter 201H authorities for both State Land Use District Boundary amendments and County Zoning Districts affecting lands 15-acres or less in size with the respective counties.

The individual counties already have the ability to amend the State Land Use District boundaries for lands 15-acres or less in size via Chapter 205-3.1(c), so it makes sense for Chapter 201H-38 to follow Chapter 205-3.1(c) and offer similar authority to the counties.



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**Testimony to the Senate Committees on Housing; and  
Public Safety, Intergovernmental, & Military Affairs  
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**RE: SB 2758 – Relating to Housing**

Chairs Espero & Nishihara, Vice-Chairs Harimoto & Wakai, & members of the Committees:

My name is Gladys Quinto-Marrone, CEO of the Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA-Hawaii). Chartered in 1955, the Building Industry Association of Hawaii is a professional trade organization affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders, representing the building industry and its associates. BIA-Hawaii takes a leadership role in unifying and promoting the interests of the industry to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii.

BIA-HAWAII is in support of S.B. 2758 which proposes to establish expedited approvals for affordable housing projects seeking district boundary amendments for land areas of fifteen acres or less under the jurisdiction of the counties, as well as expedited approvals by the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

The proposed bill would use the same timeframe, 45 days, as is allowed in the 201H process for approval of affordable housing projects as an incentive to develop more affordable housing. It establishes a forty-five-day approval process for affordable housing projects seeking district boundary amendments for land areas of fifteen acres or less within the jurisdiction of the counties, as well as for lands under the control of the Hawaii community development authority could expedite governmental approvals and save time and money; thereby, creating a new incentive to spur housing development.

We believe the proposed bill is a step in the right direction if our goal is to increase the supply of housing at all price points in Hawaii.

We are in support of S.B. 2758, and appreciate the opportunity to express our views on this matter.



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII  
*The Voice of Business*

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Housing and the Senate Committee on  
Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs  
Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 2:45 P.M.  
Conference Room 225, State Capitol**

**RE: SENATE BILL 2758 RELATING TO HOUSING**

Chairs Espero and Nishihara, Vice Chairs Harimoto and Wakai, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** SB 2578, which proposes to establish expedited approvals for affordable housing projects seeking district boundary amendments for land areas of fifteen acres or less under the jurisdiction of the counties, as well as expedited approvals by the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 2,000+ businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

The proposed bill would use the same timeframe, 45 days, as is allowed in the 201H process for approval of affordable housing projects as an incentive to develop more affordable housing. It establishes a forty-five—day approval process for affordable housing projects seeking district boundary amendments for land areas of fifteen acres or less within the jurisdiction of the counties, as well as for lands under the control of the Hawaii community development authority could expedite governmental approvals and save time and money; thereby, creating a new incentive to spur housing development.

We believe the proposed bill is a step in the right direction if our goal is to increase the supply of housing at all price points in Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.