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Statement of
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Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

January 31, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 423

In consideration of
H.B. 1142
RELATING TO THE HOUSING LOAN AND MORTGAGE PROGRAM.

HHFDC ***strongly supports*** H.B. 1142, which increases the bond authorization amount for the Housing Loan and Mortgage Program, popularly known as the Hula Mae Multifamily Bond Program. The Hula Mae Multifamily Bond Program promotes the development of new or the acquisition and rehabilitation of existing rental housing projects through the issuance of mortgage revenue bonds for interim and permanent financing at rates below conventional market interest rates. Over the last few years, it has become an increasingly popular financing tool for nonprofit and for profit developers of affordable rental housing.

As of Fiscal Year 2018 year end, Hula Mae Multifamily bonds have assisted in financing the development or acquisition and rehabilitation of 34 projects totaling 4,328 affordable rental units statewide. An additional 11 projects, totaling an additional 1,372 units, are in the planning phase and are pending issuance of approximately \$271,672,678 in bonds. HHFDC only has \$587,873,623 in uncommitted Hula Mae Multifamily bond authority remaining. The requested increase in bond authority is needed for HHFDC to continue to issue bonds for much-needed affordable rental housing projects statewide.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	O`ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for HSG on 1/31/2019 9:30:00 AM

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David Z. Arakawa	Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii **supports** HB1142, which increases the Hula Mae Multifamily revenue bond authorization amount..

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