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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of
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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

March 12, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 225

In consideration of
H.B. 1408, H.D. 1
**RELATING TO THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION BUDGET.**

The HHFDC supports H.B. 1408, H.D. 1, with requested amendments. This bill sets forth requested additions to HHFDC's operating budget for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021. However, Section 5 of the H.D. 1 omits transfers of positions and funds needed to conform to HHFDC's recently-completed reorganization. These transfers of existing positions make HHFDC more efficient in promoting affordable housing development statewide.

Accordingly, we respectfully request that Section 5 of this bill be amended to read as follows (proposed changes highlighted):

"SECTION 5. Provided that, with respect to the Hawaii housing finance and development corporation (BED160):

- (1) **Three** permanent positions (**3.0** FTE) and **four** temporary positions (**4.0** FTE) shall be transferred from housing administration to housing development;
- (2) **One permanent position (1.0 FTE) and one temporary position (1.0 FTE) shall be transferred from housing development to housing administration; and**
- (3) **One permanent position (1.0 FTE) shall be transferred from housing finance to housing administration;**

provided further that the employee shall be transferred without loss of salary, seniority (except as prescribed by applicable collective bargaining agreements), retention points, prior service credit, any vacation and sick leave credits previously earned, and other rights, benefits, and privileges, in accordance with state personnel laws and this Act; provided further that the employee possess the minimum qualifications and public employment requirements for the class or position to which transferred or appointed, as applicable; provided further that subsequent changes in status may be made pursuant to applicable civil service and compensation laws.

Any employee who, prior to this Act, is exempt from civil service and is transferred as a consequence of this Act may retain the employee's exempt status, but shall not be appointed to a civil service position as a consequence of this Act. An exempt employee who is transferred by this Act shall not suffer any loss of prior service credit, vacation or sick leave credits previously earned, or other employee benefits or privileges as a consequence of this Act; provided that the employee possess legal and public employment requirements for the position to which transferred or appointed, as applicable; provided further that subsequent changes in status may be made pursuant to applicable employment and compensation laws."

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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