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Statement of
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

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In consideration of
S.B. 873
RELATING TO WORKFORCE HOUSING.

The HHFDC ***offers the following comments*** on S.B. 873. HHFDC appreciates the intent of this measure, which requires HHFDC's development programs to establish a priority for applicants working within 25 miles of the project. However, the legal question of whether this proposal violates fair housing laws needs to be resolved.

We also note that HHFDC's development programs provide assistance to developers of a wide range of affordable for-sale and rental projects, including projects targeted for seniors. This measure may adversely affect HHFDC's ability to assist in the development of senior projects needed to address the housing needs of Hawaii's aging population.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.