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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of
DENISE ISERI-MATSUBARA
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Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

January 30, 2020 at 9:45 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 423

In consideration of
H.B. 1769
RELATING TO HOUSING.

HHFDC opposes H.B. 1769 because it extends the regulatory process for affordable housing projects under Chapter 201H, HRS. H.B. 1769 would double the length of time that county legislative bodies have to approve, approve with modification, or disapprove 201H housing projects from 45 days to 90 days.

Although county councils may only have 45 days to act on a 201H project under current law, it is important to note that this clock does not officially start until a complete application is submitted to the county council. The 201H application submittal comes after affordable housing developers have completed their consultation with county departments (e.g. planning, transportation, water, etc.).

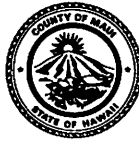
Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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January 29, 2020

TO: The Honorable Tom Brower, Chair
House Committee on Housing

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alice L. Lee".

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF JANUARY 30, 2020; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
HB 1769, RELATING TO HOUSING**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this bill is to extend to 90 days each county council's deadline to approve, approve with modification, or disapprove an affordable-housing project under Chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

This measure is in the Maui County Council Legislative Package; therefore, I offer this testimony on behalf of the Council.

The Maui County Council supports this measure for the following reasons:

1. The proposed 90-day deadline would still provide an expedited review of affordable-housing projects under Chapter 201H while allowing the councils to do their due diligence in evaluating projects.
2. The existing 45-day window is too short to have a meaningful discussion of a project.

For the foregoing reasons, the Maui County Council **supports** this measure.

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**HEARING BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, HOUSE CONFERENCE ROOM 423
THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2020 AT 9:45 A.M.**

To The Honorable Tom Brower, Chair;
The Honorable Scot Z. Matayoshi, Vice Chair; and
Members of the Committee on Housing,

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO HB1769 RELATING TO HOUSING

Aloha, my name is Pamela Tumpap and I am the President of the Maui Chamber of Commerce, with approximately 650 members. I am writing share our opposition to HB1769.

The Maui Chamber of Commerce opposes HB1769 to extend to ninety days a legislative body's deadline to approve, approve with modification, or disapprove an affordable housing project.

It is well known that delays in review processes escalate costs and any cost escalation gets passed on to the buyers, making affordable homes less affordable. The exemptions and the 45-day deadline were specifically created to streamline the process and reduce costs. With our current housing crisis, we need to be expediting affordable housing and rentals, not adding another month and half to the process. We cannot afford to delay new affordable housing and rentals and this will have unnecessary negative impacts on all counties.

Further, housing projects already go through additional reviews from county departments and the Planning Commission, so they are fully vetted by experts and have community input before going before Council. In an environment where the state and others are making concessions, it is disheartening to see a proposal that would take us backwards when we are in an affordable housing and rental crisis.

Therefore, we adamantly oppose this bill and ask that it be deferred.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify on this matter.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap

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President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics.

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TO: The Honorable Tom Brower, Chair
House Committee on Housing

FROM: Tamara Paltin, Councilmember for West Maui
Maui County Council

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF JANUARY 30, 2020; SUPPORT OF HB 1769,
RELATING TO HOUSING**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure. The purpose of this bill extends to ninety days a legislative body's deadline to approve, approve with modification, or disapprove an affordable housing project under Chapter 201H, HRS.

The Maui County Council has submitted this measure as part of their legislative package; however, I am providing this support in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

The current forty-five (45) day period for review of 201H projects is too short. For more in depth analysis, whilst still allowing for expediency, I believe the proposed ninety (90) day deadline is appropriate and necessary.

Thank you, once again, for the opportunity to testify and for your consideration.