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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of
DENISE ISERI-MATSUBARA
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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

March 10, 2020 at 1:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 225

In consideration of
H.B. 2470, H.D. 1
RELATING TO HOUSING.

The HHFDC **supports** H.B. 2470, H.D. 1. HHFDC is willing to conduct the feasibility study on the 15.418-acre parcel in Honokaa identified in the bill. We believe the amount appropriated in the bill is sufficient to conduct this study.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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March 5, 2020

Via Electronic Submission only

Senator Stanley Chang, Chair
Senator Dru Mamo Kanuha, Vice Chair
COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

Dear Chair Chang, Vice-Chair Kanuha, and Committee members:

Re: HB 2470, HD1 RELATING TO HOUSING

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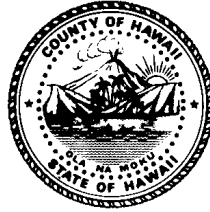
Very Truly Yours,

DUANE HOSAKA
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cc: Andrew Levin



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March 9, 2020

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Senator Dru Mamo Kanuha, Vice Chair
Committee on Housing

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Respectfully Submitted,

Harry Kim
MAYOR