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Statement of
Hakim Ouansafi
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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Thursday, February 6, 2020
1:45 PM - Room 225, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of
SB 3113
RELATING TO HOUSING

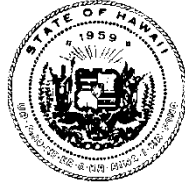
Honorable Chair Chang, Honorable Chair Kahele, and Members of the Senate Committee on Housing and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony concerning Senate Bill (SB) 3113, relating to Housing.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) **supports the intent**, of SB 3113, which directs the HPHA to convey a specified 15.418-acre parcel in Honokaa, Hawaii County, to HHFDC. Requires HHFDC to conduct a feasibility study to determine whether the parcel is suitable for residential development and offers the following comments.

The HPHA fully supports the creation of affordable housing by the HPHA or our sister agency the HHFDC. Please know that the HPHA **does not** hold title to the property and the measure needs to be amended to reflect proper ownership.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Committee with the HPHA's testimony regarding SB 3113. We thank you very much for your dedicated support.

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Statement of
DENISE ISERI-MATSUBARA
Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation
Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

February 6, 2020 at 1:45 p.m.
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The HHFDC **supports** S.B. 3113, **with requested amendments.**

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.

However, it is our understanding that currently, title to that parcel is in the name of the Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii (HCDCH), the predecessor agency to both the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) and the HHFDC. As such, the HPHA cannot convey title to the property to HHFDC. Accordingly we request that Section 2 of the bill be replaced with the following language:

SECTION 2. The Hawaii housing finance and development corporation shall take title to the 15.418-acre parcel of land identified as TMK No. (3) 4-5-010: 122; provided that the Hawaii housing finance and development corporation determines, upon completion of its due diligence, that the parcel is suitable for residential development. The Hawaii housing finance and development corporation shall be responsible for properly documenting any change in title.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

SB-3113

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Duane Hosaka	Testifying for Office of Housing and Community Development	Support	No

Comments:

Sen. Stanley Chang, Chair

Sen. Dru Mamo Kanuha, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

Sen. Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair

Sen. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Chairs Chang and Kahele,

Vice-Chairs Kanuha and Keith-Agaran:

Re: SB 3113 RELATING TO HOUSING

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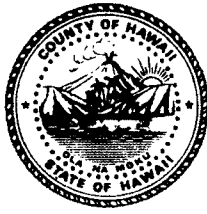
Very Truly Yours,

/s/ Duane Hosaka

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February 5, 2020

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Senator Dru Mamo Kanuha, Vice Chair
Committee on Housing

Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Committee on Water and Land
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Dear Chair Chang and Kahele, Vice-Chair Kanuha and Keith-Agaran, and Committee members:

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Respectfully Submitted,


Harry Kim
MAYOR

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Valerie Poindexter	Individual	Support	No

Comments: