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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on  
JUDICIARY AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Tuesday, March 23, 2021  
2:00 PM**

**State Capitol, Via Videoconference, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of  
SENATE BILL 607, SENATE DRAFT 3, HOUSE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Senate Bill 607, Senate Draft 3, House Draft 1 proposes to remove the deadline for expenditure of appropriated funds for the Keawe Street Affordable Housing, and permit compliance with the requirements of Chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for the Leialii Villages Affordable Housing projects as funding is appropriated. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure and offers comments.**

The Department does not request archaeological inventory surveys for every project. It makes such requests only in areas where existing knowledge suggests that there is a high potential for archaeological resources or iwi kupuna to be present. In this particular instance, there are known archaeological resources including possible burial sites in the vicinity of the Keawe Street Affordable Housing Project. Furthermore, the requested archaeological inventory survey is already underway for the Keawe Street Affordable Housing Project. Based on communications with the project developer and their archaeological consulting firm, the Department believes that this work will be completed and submitted for review and acceptance in time to meet deadlines for expending the appropriated funds for this project.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

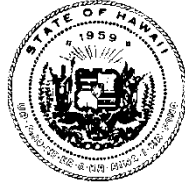
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Statement of  
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**S.B. 607, S.D. 3, H.D. 1**  
**RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.**

The HHFDC supports S.B. 607, S.D. 3, H.D.1, which amends Act 98, SLH 2019 to delete the 2022 deadline for completion of construction of the Lealii affordable housing project in Lahaina, now named Kaiaulu O Kuku'ia, because without it, the project would not be able to proceed for lack of financing. It also provides HHFDC with the ability to address historic preservation requirements as funding is appropriated for each segment within the Villages of Leialii project.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.