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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of  
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Before the

### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

February 8, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.  
State Capitol, Room 423

In consideration of  
**H.B. 2444**  
**RELATING TO HOUSING.**

HHFDC **strongly supports** H.B. 2444 **with amendments**. This bill would condition a county's authority to exercise state housing powers upon a county's continued compliance with provisions regarding the acceptance of the dedication of infrastructure and public highways in affordable housing developments.

This bill takes big steps to address a 30-year-old problem that has existed at the Villages of Kapolei, where the City and County of Honolulu has not accepted dedication of infrastructure improvements constructed by an HHFDC predecessor agency. While the City enjoys the real property tax revenues derived in part from the State's infrastructure improvements, HHFDC is forced to maintain those same improvements at an average cost to the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund of more than \$1,000,000 per year. These are funds that could have been used for the development of new infrastructure for affordable housing throughout the State.

This bill has the effect of encouraging the city to accept the dedication of infrastructure and public highways in the Villages of Kapolei.

HHFDC requests that the measure be **amended** to restrict it to counties with populations greater than 500,000.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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February 5, 2022

TO: Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura, Chair  
House Committee on Housing

FROM: Alice L. Lee  
Council Chair

DATE: February 5, 2022

SUBJECT: **OPPOSE HB 2444, RELATING TO HOUSING**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **OPPOSITION** to this measure. The purpose of this measure is to condition a county's authority to exercise housing powers upon continued compliance with provisions regarding the acceptance of the dedication of infrastructure and public highways in affordable housing developments.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I **OPPOSE** this measure for the following reasons:

1. The measure unfairly imposes restrictions on all counties based on issues with one project in the City & County of Honolulu.
2. This measure unduly conditions the counties' ability to exercise housing powers through burdensome restrictions.

For the foregoing reasons, I **OPPOSE** this measure.

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