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Statement of  
**MARY ALICE EVANS**  
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before the  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**  
Tuesday, April 5, 2022  
2:30 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 308 and Videoconference

in consideration of  
**SB 2581 SD 1 HD 1**  
**RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.**

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, and Members of the House Committee on Finance.

The Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) **supports the intent** of SB 2581 SD1 HD 1, which would amend Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 226-109 Affordable Housing to add as a priority guideline a section (9) that seeks to use lands within the State that are leased to the federal government or under federal government control that are to be returned to the State, including lands that have been used to house former military facilities, for affordable housing.

OPSD is in favor of measures that facilitate affordable housing. For your information, OPSD is currently in the process of collecting data from DLNR and the various counties regarding federal owned lands, including federal lands utilized by military facilities. This study was called for in Act 93, SLH 2021.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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**STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on  
FINANCE**

**Tuesday, April 5, 2022  
2:30 PM**

**State Capitol, Conference Room 308, Via Videoconference**

**In consideration of  
SENATE BILL 2581, SENATE DRAFT 1, HOUSE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Senate Bill 2581, Senate Draft 1, House Draft 1 proposes to establish as a priority guideline for the provision of affordable housing the use of lands leased to the federal government or under federal government control and that are to be returned to the State, including lands that have been used to house former military facilities, for affordable housing. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) offers the following comments on this measure.**

Through the Department, the State leases lands to the military, including the Army, Air Force, and Navy, on the islands of Oahu, Kauai, and Hawaii. Many of these leases were issued for initial terms of 65 years and are scheduled to expire around 2029. However, some of the lessees have expressed interest in retaining use of the lands after 2029 and may apply for new long-term leases. If the Board of Land and Natural Resources were to approve new leases at public, sunshine meetings, then State planning for affordable housing on these lands may not be fruitful in the near term.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

**SUZANNE D. CASE**  
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**SB-2581-HD-1**

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Testimony for FIN on 4/5/2022 2:30:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Kevin Moore	DLNR	Comments	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I am available for questions to DLNR. Please allow me Zoom access.

**SB-2581-HD-1**

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Comments:

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*Oahu's Continuum of Care*

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*Our mission is to eliminate homelessness through open and inclusive participation and the coordination of integrated responses.*

## **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2581 SD1 HD1: RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

TO: House Committee on Finance

FROM: Partners In Care (PIC)

**Hearing: Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 2:30PM**

Chair Luke and Members of the House Committee on Finance:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **SUPPORT of SB 2581 SD1 HD1**, which would seek state land which is currently leased to the federal government for housing purposes.

Partners In Care (PIC), a coalition of more than 60 non-profit homelessness providers and concerned organizations, works on Oahu to end homelessness. Partners In Care supports this bill to increase the number of affordable housing units available to those exiting homelessness and low income renters. For the last several decades, we have seen the decommission of housing on military bases across the country. Here in Hawaii, there are a number of properties that are no longer used for their original intended use. Many military families have chosen to move into the neighborhoods outside of the multiple bases on our islands or have been informed that base housing is unavailable. We would like to encourage a review of these properties so that they can be renovated as needed, or cleared so that land can be used to create new housing to address the lack of affordable housing throughout our islands. We have allowed many of these properties to sit vacant and become unsafe and uninhabitable while we price out folks from housing in our community.

We urge your support for this bill as a step forward to increase access to affordable housing throughout Hawaii.

Aloha.

SB 2581 SD 1 HD 1 TESTIMONY

To: House Committee on Finance  
Hearing on April 5, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.

From: John Kawamoto

Position: Support

Federal, State, and local governments are doing far too little to ensure that all citizens have access to housing that they can afford. Hawaii suffers from a shortage of 50,000 homes, and much more must be done to alleviate this shortage. In increasing the potential for more land to be dedicated to affordable housing, this bill represents a step in the right direction.