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Statement of
MARY ALICE EVANS
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
Thursday, March 17, 2022
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 423 and Videoconference

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

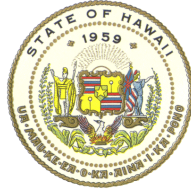
Chair Nakamura, Vice Chair Hashimoto, and Members of the House Committee on Housing.

The Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) **supports the intent** of SB 2581 SD1, 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
HOUSING**

**Thursday, March 17, 2022
9:00 AM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 423, Via Videoconference

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2581, SENATE DRAFT 2
RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Senate Bill 2581, Senate Draft 2 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 in the near term may not be worthwhile.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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Luke Sarvis	DLNR	Comments	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

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SB 2581 TESTIMONY

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To: House Committee on Housing
Hearing on March 17, 2022 at 9:00 a.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. This bill represents a step in the right direction.