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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of  
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Before the

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

March 21, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.  
State Capitol, Room 325

In consideration of  
**S.B. 2583 SD2**  
**RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS.**

HHFDC **supports** S.B. 2583 SD2, which exempts non-ceded lands set aside by the Governor to the Hawaii Housing and Finance Development Corporation from classification as public lands subject to Department of Land and Natural Resources management.

[Chapter 171](#) of the Hawaii Revised Statutes already exempts lands that HHFDC holds title to from the definition of public lands. If this definition were broadened to include non-ceded lands set aside to HHFDC, then the agency would be able to treat all non-ceded lands under its control in a consistent manner. This action would streamline the approval process and facilitate the delivery of affordable housing on state-owned lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.