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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of  
**DENISE ISERI-MATSUBARA**  
Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation  
Before the

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

April 21, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.  
State Capitol, Room 325

In consideration of  
**S.C.R. 161 SD1 HD1**  
**REQUESTING THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING  
PERMITTING AND TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF COUNTY ORDINANCES ON  
HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT.**

HHFDC *offers the following comments* on S.C.R. 161 SD1 HD1. HHFDC recognizes the need to streamline the various existing State and county policies and procedures for affordable housing development.

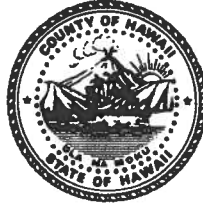
It is not clear from the resolution which entity of the task force would be responsible for submitting a report of the findings and recommendations to the Legislature. Due to HHFDC's current in-house capacity constraints, we would need to contract with a consultant to facilitate a permitting process task force and conduct the requested study on county ordinances on housing finance and development. The estimated cost to implement this resolution is \$250,000.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Rep. Mark M. Nakashima, Chair  
Rep. Scot Z. Matayoshi, Vice-Chair  
Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs


**RE: Comments on S.C.R. 161, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, REQUESTING THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO REVIEW THE PERMITTING PROCESS RELATED TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE EFFECT OF COUNTY ORDINANCES ON HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT.**  
**Hearing Date: Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.**  
**Location of Hearing: Via Video Conference, Conference Room 325**

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice-Chair Matayoshi, and Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs Committee members,

I am providing my support for S.C.R. 161, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, for fiscal year 2022-2023 with the amended language now under consideration by your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs. We support this Resolution and its intent for the task force to conduct the study of the effect of each county's ordinances on housing finance and development related to its inventory of rental and for-sale housing units. We will also continue to defer to the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation on the implementation of process prescribed in the Resolution.

Your consideration of this resolution is sincerely appreciated. Please feel free to contact me for any additional information.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

  
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Susan K. Kunz  
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