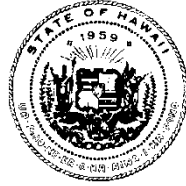


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Statement of
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Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

Thursday, April 14, 2022

10:00 AM – Videoconference – Room 423, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of
SCR 161, SD1

**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**

Honorable Chair Nakamura, and Members of the House Committee on Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments for Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 161, SD1.

The HPHA believes in the creation of more affordable housing development and stands ready to assist the Legislature and HHFDC in this endeavor and looks at this measure as an opportunity to be part of the overall solution needed to address affordable housing related issues in Hawaii.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Committee with the HPHA's testimony. We thank you very much for your dedicated support.

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

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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Comments:

The County of Hawaii, Office of Housing and Community Development supports the intent of this Resolution to seek ways to expedite permitting and approvals of Affordable Housing projects. However, we defer to HHFDC on the implementation of process prescribed in the Resolution.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this Resolution.