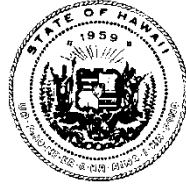


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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

1:00 PM – Videoconference – Room 225, Hawaii State Capitol

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Honorable Chair Chang and Members of the Senate Committee on Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony concerning Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 161 / Senate Resolution (SR) 153, and offers the following **comments**.

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/ S.R. 153. 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. Due to the estimated time required to procure a consultant (six months) and complete the study and task-force activities (one year), a report of finding and recommendations would not be completed until the second half of 2023. The estimated funding required for a consultant contract is \$250,000.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.