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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of  
**DENISE ISERI-MATSUBARA**  
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Before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND  
AND  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING**

April 01, 2022 at 1:05 p.m.  
State Capitol, Room 229

In consideration of  
**S.C.R. 178/ S.R. 171**

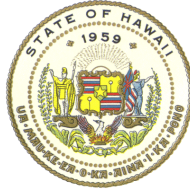
**REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, IN  
CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION AND  
THE ISLAND BURIAL COUNCILS, TO CONTRACT REVIEW OF PROPOSED  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS TO THIRD PARTY CONSULTANTS.**

HHFDC *offers comments* on S.C.R. 178/ S.R. 171. This resolution requests that DLNR's SHPD contract its review of certain projects to eligible third party consultants if they involve the development of affordable housing and SHPD cannot provide written concurrence or non-concurrence within sixty days.

SHPD's engagement of third-party contractors could serve to help expedite the review process so that more affordable housing units can be produced in a timely manner.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committees on  
HOUSING  
and  
WATER AND LAND**

**Friday, April 1, 2022  
1:05PM**

**State Capitol, Conference Room 229 & Via Videoconference**

**In consideration of  
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 178/SENATE RESOLUTION 171  
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, IN  
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Senate Concurrent Resolution 178/Senate Resolution 171 requests the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department), through the State Historic Preservation Division and in consultation with the various Island Burial Councils, to contract review of proposed affordable housing projects to qualified third-party consultants when necessary to expedite review of affordable housing developments providing that at least 80% of the units will be affordable. **The Department appreciates the intent of these resolutions and offers comments.**

The Department recognizes Hawaii's housing crisis and the need to expedite the development and delivery of additional housing units, especially low income and affordable units. The Department also recognizes that expediting the various review processes established by Chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, may be helpful in accelerating development of affordable housing. The Department is actively working on a number of improvements that will expedite these reviews, some of which are included in draft legislation already included in proposed measures before the Legislature in in 2022 Session. The Department will continue to explore other changes and improvements to expedite review procedures while still ensuring proper protection of Hawaii's significant historic properties, and propose legislative measures to expedite reviews as necessary.

The Department believes that these resolutions are well intended but notes that in the absence of funds it will be impossible to contract with third-party consultant. Neither the Department nor the State Historic Preservation Division has funds to enter into such contracts. Funding for such

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contracts is not included in the Governor's budget request for the coming fiscal year. Accordingly, if Senate Concurrent Resolution 178/Senate Resolution 171 are adopted, the Department would be directed to enter into contracts that it can not fund.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these measures.