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Statement of  
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before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEES ON WATER AND LAND AND ON HOUSING**  
Friday, April 1, 2022  
1:05 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

in consideration of  
**SCR 232**  
**REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT  
TO CONVENE A MULTI-AGENCY WORKING GROUP TO MAKE  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PLANNING, COORDINATING, AND IMPLEMENTING  
THE OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES FOR HOUSING IN THE HAWAII STATE  
PLANNING ACT.**

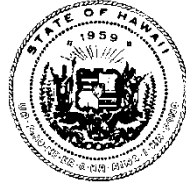
Chairs Inouye and Chang, Vice Chairs Keith-Agaran and Kanuha, and Members of the Senate Committees on Water and Land and on Housing.

The Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) offers **comments and concerns** on SCR 232 that calls on OPSD to convene a multi-agency working group with the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC), Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA), and the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) to make recommendations for planning, coordinating, and implementing the objective and policies for housing in the Hawaii State Planning Act.

While OPSD fully supports planning for the State's socio-cultural advancement with regard to housing, we would need one FTE position and \$150,000 funding for planning support to assume the additional responsibilities for undertaking a well-coordinated multi-agency and stakeholder effort to plan, assess and develop recommendations for attaining the housing objectives and policies in the Hawaii State Plan.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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

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**REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TO CONVENE A MULTI-AGENCY WORKING GROUP TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PLANNING, COORDINATING, AND IMPLEMENTING THE OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES FOR HOUSING IN THE HAWAII STATE PLANNING ACT**

Honorable Chair Inouye, Honorable Chair Chang and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land and Senate Committee on Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony concerning Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 232, and offers the following **comments**.

The HPHA stands ready to assist the Legislature and OPSD 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 Committees with the HPHA's testimony. We thank you very much for your dedicated support.

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Re: Testimony on S.C.R. No. 232  
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Convene a Multi-Agency Working Group to Make Recommendations  
for Planning, Coordinating, and Implementing the Objectives and  
Policies for Housing in the Hawaii State Planning Act

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this resolution, which would ask the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to convene a working group. The Office of Information Practices (OIP) takes no position on the substance of this resolution, but offers a technical comment on the attempted exemption of the working group from chapter 92, HRS.

OIP notes that although it is ineffective to use a resolution to create an exemption to statutory requirements such as those in part I of chapter 92, the Sunshine Law, a group created by resolution generally does not meet the Sunshine Law's definition of a "board" subject to its requirements in the first place. OIP Op. Ltr. No. 08-02. Thus, the Committees should be aware that the intended Sunshine Law exemption on page 2, lines 13-14, is both ineffective and unnecessary.