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Statement of
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before the
**HOUSE COMMITTEES ON HOUSING
AND
WATER AND LAND**

Wednesday, February 8, 2023, 11:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

in consideration of
**HB1185
RELATING TO TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT.**

Chairs Hashimoto and Ichiyama, Vice Chairs Aiu and Poepoe, and Members of the Committees, the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) **strongly supports** HB1185 which appropriates funds for statewide planning and coordination for transit-oriented development projects identified in the state strategic plan for transit-oriented development (TOD).

The state TOD strategic plan guides the statewide planning and coordination of state and county TOD efforts. In the strategic plan, the Hawaii interagency TOD council identified over 70 projects statewide that will accelerate affordable housing development and transportation options in mixed-use communities around transit stations and bus hubs. By focusing state and county facilities in urban areas and village centers, and co-locating them with housing development and community facilities, construction and long-term operating costs are reduced, while creating more livable places.

Since 2016, the legislature appropriated capital improvement project funds annually to the office of planning and sustainable development to support planning of TOD projects in all four counties. Thirteen state and county agencies have received grants from these funds, used for planning and implementation of 20 projects that will advance mixed-use and affordable housing developments statewide. On average, the annual requests for these grants have been almost double the available funds, so there continues to be a strong demand for this assistance.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nani Medeiros	Chief Housing Officer, Office of the Governor, State of Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In support, Mahalo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Will Caron	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB1185.

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Submitted on: 2/8/2023 9:32:57 AM

Testimony for HSG on 2/8/2023 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Regina Gregory	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

TOD has gotten out of hand and has become an excuse for overdevelopment.