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Statement of
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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Tuesday, April 4, 2023
10:30 AM

State Capitol, Conference Room #211 & Videoconference

In consideration of
HB992, HD1, SD1
RELATING TO THE AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP REVOLVING FUND.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) **strongly supports** HB992, HD1, SD1, an Administration bill that clarifies that the \$5,000,000 in general funds that was appropriated in Act 248, SLH 2022 (the supplemental budget), for the purpose of providing, in whole or in part, loans to nonprofit community development financial institutions and nonprofit housing development organizations for the development of affordable homeownership housing projects, is to be deposited into and expended from the Affordable Homeownership Revolving Fund, for which the revolving fund was established.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
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Statement of
DEAN MINAKAMI
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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

April 4, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 211

In consideration of
H.B. 992 HD1 SD1
RELATING TO THE AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP REVOLVING FUND.

HHFDC **strongly supports** H.B. 992 HD1 SD1, which ensures that the \$5,000,000 previously appropriated under Act 248, SLH 2022, to seed the Affordable Homeownership Revolving Fund (AHRF) established under Act 227, SLH 2021 will revolve back into AHRF as program loans are repaid.

Under the current language in Act 248, SLH 2022, loan repayments would be made to the General Fund, instead of the AHRF. This bill's technical amendment would allow the \$5,000,000 in General Funds to be deposited into AHRF and then expended out of AHRF, allowing monies to revolve back into AHRF as intended.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



Monday April 3, 2023

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Committee Members

Hawaii Habitat for Humanity Association, a US Treasury certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) and the Affiliate Support Organization to all five Habitat for Humanity Affiliates throughout the great State of Hawaii, offers it's STRONG SUPPORT of HB992 HD1 SD1.

The intention of Act 248 Session Laws of Hawai'i 2022 was to create a revolving fund for the creation of affordable homeownership units. This clarifying bill ensures that those funds remain in the revolving fund after repayment by an entity creating homeownership opportunities so that the funds can continue to be utilized for the originally intended purpose.

I appreciate your consideration.

Respectfully,

Erik Mann
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