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Statement of
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before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
and before
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Monday, February 12, 2024
2:00 p.m.

VIA Videoconference, State Capitol, Conference Room 325

In consideration of
HB 2361
RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

Chairs Ichiyama and Tarnas, Vice Chairs Poepoe and Takayama, and members of the Committees. The Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) supports HB 2361, that authorizes the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA) to render services to and assist state and county agencies upon request.

As stated in the HCDA 2022 Strategic Plan, HCDA's experience and expertise in high intensity mixed-use development created a niche for it to assist other agencies such as DLNR, DAGS, HHFDC, and HPHA for mixed-use development.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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HCDA recognizes that state agencies have a need for additional infrastructure or facilities to effectively implement their legislative mandate and would like to utilize its experience and knowledge in master planning communities, infrastructure development and improvement, and project management to assist other state and county agencies on projects within and outside of designated community development districts.

This is a housekeeping measure, HCDA has been assisting other agencies.

HCDA is assisting the Department of Public Safety (PSD) in expanding its existing kitchen facilities at the Women's Community Correctional Center to accommodate a culinary program for the women, in partnership with the Kapiolani Community College, in an effort to reduce recidivism.

HCDA is also assisting the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) in preparing a preliminary site assessment and strategic market outlook study for the Waiākea Peninsula, also known as Banyan Drive in Hilo.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Testimony for WAL on 2/12/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
clara loprinzi	Na Iwi Kupuna	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Kakou

This bill is just one more way to encourage big business to build up Kona and other na ili. This would authorize the Hawaii Community Development Authority to render services to and assist state and county agencies upon request. Already there is so much corruption in regards to the authority that so many in planning department are stamping plans in SMA major and Kahaluu Historical District for million dollar homes that should never have got made. even though we went through Burial Council (where our HICRIS was discarded because it showed all the laws they did not obey, the violations of caves and iwi....the system needs to be cleaned up...not allowed more corruption. oppose this and wake up....hawaiians need their lands. this is sad to read.