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The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President and Members of the
Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of the Report to the Legislature pursuant to SCR161 SD1 HD1. This Senate Concurrent Resolution is requesting the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to convene a task force to review the permitting process related to affordable housing and conduct a study of the effect of county ordinances on housing finance and development. In accordance with Section 93-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, I am also informing you that the report may be viewed electronically at: <http://dbedt.hawaii.gov/overview/annual-reports-reports-to-the-legislature/>.

Sincerely,

James Kunane Tokioka

Enclosure

c: Legislative Reference Bureau

Report to the 2024 Hawai'i State Legislature:

Pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 161 SD1 HD1, adopted on May 5, 2022, REQUESTING THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO REVIEW THE PERMITTING PROCESS RELATED TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE EFFECT OF COUNTY ORDINANCES ON HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT.

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The Legislature adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution 161 SD1 HD1 on May 5, 2022 (SCR 161).

It requested that the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) convene a task force that includes the executive directors of HHFDC and the Hawaii Public Housing Authority; the directors of the affordable housing development agency, office, or department of each county; and the chair of the Hawaii Business Roundtable — or their designees — to review the permitting process related to affordable housing and conduct a study to assess the effect of county ordinances on housing finance and development. The task force's report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, is due to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2024, with the task force dissolving on June 30, 2024.

In its testimony to the subject matter committees, HHFDC acknowledged the need for streamlining the various state and county policies and procedures for housing development; however, in-house capacity constraints would require the corporation to contract with a consultant at a cost of \$250,000.

The task force did not convene due to the unfunded mandate and because HHFDC believes that the findings of the working group established pursuant to Act 305, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022 (the Yes In My Backyard Act) will yield similar information to what SCR 161 is seeking.