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Testimony of DAWN N. S. CHANG Chairperson

Before the Senate Committee on HOUSING

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 1:10 PM State Capitol, Conference Room 225 & Videoconference

In consideration of SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 6 APPROVING THE DEDICATION OF KUKUIA STREET, LAHAINA, HAWAII, TO THE COUNTY OF MAUI

Senate Concurrent Resolution 6 would approve the dedication of Kukuia Street, located in Lahaina, to the County of Maui. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this resolution.

The Department conveyed the subject parcel to the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation's (HHFDC) predecessor agency, the Housing Finance Development Corporation (HFDC) via Land Patent Grant No. S-15,792, dated November 4, 1994. This grant conveyed over 500 acres to HFDC for development of the Villages at Leali'i housing project in Lahaina. As the land was undeveloped at the time of the transfer to HFDC, infrastructure, including streets, needed to be built prior to developing housing. Because HHFDC is not in the business of maintaining streets, it generally dedicates those it builds to the respective county upon completion of construction.

Dedication of roads to a county represents a conveyance of lands from the Department's inventory and as such is subject to section 171-64.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which requires the approval by the legislature by concurrent resolution to be adopted by each house by at least a two-thirds majority vote. The Department supports the dedication of Kukuia Street to the County of Maui.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 1:10 p.m. State Capitol, Room 225

In consideration of

S.C.R. 6

APPROVING THE DEDICATION OF KUKUIA STREET, LAHAINA, HAWAII, TO THE COUNTY OF MAUI.

Chair Chang, Vice Chair Hashimoto, and members of the Committee.

HHFDC <u>strongly supports</u> SCR 6. HHFDC is seeking legislative approval to dedicate the fee-simple interest in Kukuia Street, Lahaina, to the County of Maui. Kukuia Street serves the Kaiaulu O Kukuia affordable rental housing project and a portion of the Villages of Leialii.

A title search conducted by Title Guaranty of Hawaii on January 20, 2022, showed that the parcel was Government (Crown) land previous to August 15, 1895. HHFDC conducted a public meeting on the proposed dedication on August 24, 2022, at the Lahaina Civic Center, following publication of notice in The Maui News on August 18, 2022. HHFDC did not receive any comments opposing the dedication of Kukuia Street roadway to the County of Maui.

HHFDC has worked closely with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs during the interim to keep it informed of these findings and our intent to dedicate this parcel to the County of Maui.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.





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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 1:10 PM State Capitol, Conference Room #225

In consideration of

SCR 6

APPROVING THE DEDICATION OF KUKUIA STREET, LAHAINA, HAWAII, TO THE COUNTY OF MAUI.

Chair Chang, Vice Chair Hashimoto, and members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) supports SCR 6. HHFDC is seeking legislative approval to dedicate Kukuia Street to the County of Maui.

HHFDC has met all statutory prerequisites to request approval of the sale or dedication of this parcel. Accordingly, DBEDT respectfully requests that the committee pass SCR 6.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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March 18, 2024

TO: The Honorable Stanley Chang, Chair, and

Members of the Committee on Housing

FROM: Alice L. Lee

Council Chair

SUBJECT: HEARING OF MARCH 19, 2024; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SCR6,

APPROVING THE DEDICATION OF KUKUIA STREET, LAHAINA,

HAWAI'I, TO THE COUNTY OF MAUI

I **support** this measure that approving the dedication of Kukuia Street, Lahaina, Hawai'i, to the County of Maui.

I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

- 1. While there are no development plans for Kukuia Street, any potential future development will be best managed by the County.
- 2. Giving the County oversight of Kukuia Street will allow greater flexibility for development plans in the surrounding area, including connectivity between the Kaiāulu o Kūkuʻia and Villages of Leialiʻi housing projects.
- 3. Oversight from the local level will support public safety.

Thank you for your consideration.

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