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Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

April 10, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 225

In consideration of
H.C.R 78

DECLARING THE INTENT THAT PROJECTS WITH HOUSING UNITS THAT QUALIFY FOR HOUSING CREDITS UNDER ACT 31, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2024, ARE STILL ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE HOUSING CREDITS AFTER THE REPEAL OF THAT ACT IF THE HOUSING PROJECTS WERE APPROVED BY THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (HHFDC) BEFORE JULY 1, 2031, AND REQUESTING THE CORPORATION AND EACH COUNTY TO INCLUDE CERTAIN INFORMATION WHEN APPROVING HOUSING PROJECTS FOR HOUSING CREDITS.

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

Recognizing the severe housing shortage in Hawaii, HHFDC supports HCR 78.

HHFDC agrees that housing projects constructed under HRS 201H-38 and approved before Act 31's sunset date of July 1, 2031, should still be eligible for housing credits after that date.

HHFDC will provide the requested information in the approving action.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this resolution.



April 8, 2025

Senator Stanley Chang, Chair
Senator Troy Hashimoto, Vice Chair
Committee on Housing

RE: **HCR 78 - DECLARING THE INTENT THAT PROJECTS WITH HOUSING UNITS THAT QUALIFY FOR HOUSING CREDITS UNDER ACT 31, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2024, ARE STILL ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE HOUSING CREDITS AFTER THE REPEAL OF THAT ACT IF THE HOUSING PROJECTS WERE APPROVED BY THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BEFORE JULY 1, 2031, AND REQUESTING THE CORPORATION AND EACH COUNTY TO INCLUDE CERTAIN INFORMATION WHEN APPROVING HOUSING PROJECTS FOR HOUSING CREDITS.**

Hearing date: April 10, 2025 at 1:00 PM

Aloha Chair Chang, Vice Chair Hashimoto and members of the committee,

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of NAIOP Hawaii in **STRONG SUPPORT on HCR 78 - DECLARING THE INTENT THAT PROJECTS WITH HOUSING UNITS THAT QUALIFY FOR HOUSING CREDITS UNDER ACT 31, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2024, ARE STILL ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE HOUSING CREDITS AFTER THE REPEAL OF THAT ACT IF THE HOUSING PROJECTS WERE APPROVED BY THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BEFORE JULY 1, 2031, AND REQUESTING THE CORPORATION AND EACH COUNTY TO INCLUDE CERTAIN INFORMATION WHEN APPROVING HOUSING PROJECTS FOR HOUSING CREDITS.** NAIOP Hawaii is the local chapter of the nation's leading organization for office, industrial, retail, residential and mixed-use real estate. NAIOP Hawaii has over 200 members in the State including local developers, owners, investors, asset managers, lenders and other professionals.

NAIOP Hawaii strongly supports this resolution which would provide additional clarity for utilization of affordable housing credits granted under Act 31 (2024). This resolution clarifies the Legislature's intentions regarding the eligibility of housing units within housing projects for

affordable housing credits in relation to Act 31 (2024). By ensuring housing projects qualified under Section 46-15.1(c) and approved by the HHFDC before the repeal of Act 31 (2024) remain eligible for credits, the resolution aims to provide continuity and stability in the development of affordable housing in Hawaii. The resolution also promotes transparency and consistency by requiring that the HHFDC and each county explicitly reference a project's qualification under Section 46-15.1(c) in their approvals. This clarification is crucial for developers, investors, lenders, and the public to understand the application of affordable

Ultimately, HCR 78 addresses a critical issue in the development of more affordable housing and critical infrastructure for Hawaii residents. NAIOP appreciates the Legislature's commitment to collaborating on this issue and look forward to working together.

Mahalo for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Reyn Tanaka', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Reyn Tanaka, President
NAIOP Hawaii