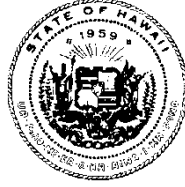


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### Statement of **DEAN MINAKAMI**

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Before the

### **HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING**

March 12, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.  
State Capitol, Room 430

In consideration of  
**S.B. 414 SD2**

### **RELATING TO RESTORING ACCESS TO DISASTER-AFFECTED AREAS.**

Chair Evslin, Vice Chair Miyake, and members of the Committee.

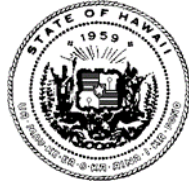
HHFDC **supports** SB 414 SD2, which requires the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) to institute proceedings to condemn certain lands in Lahaina to build a new access road from Keawe Street to the Kilohana and Kalaiola sites developed in the Villages of Leialii. It also appropriates funds out of the Major Disaster Fund for the appraisals and other preparations for the condemnation proceedings.

Building the new access road entails acquiring or condemning portions of the former cane haul road that crosses lands owned by Keawe Street Investment, LLC, and West Maui Venture Group parcels. We are presently having discussions with the landowners to acquire the needed parcels. The cost to design and construct the new access road to the Kilohana and Kalaiola housing sites in accordance with Maui County standards is estimated to be \$10 million.

When interim housing is no longer needed, HHFDC intends to develop the Kilohana site with permanent housing. The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, likewise, has plans to develop the Kalaiola site, with permanent housing.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

**JOSH GREEN, M.D.**  
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March 9, 2025

**TO:** The Honorable Representative Luke A. Evslin, Chair  
House Committee on Housing

**FROM:** Ryan I. Yamane, Director

**RE: SB 414 SD2 – RELATING TO RESTORING ACCESS TO DISASTER-AFFECTED AREAS.**

Hearing: March 12, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 430 & Videoconference, State Capitol

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the measure's intent and defers to the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC), the Department of Transportation (DOT), and the County of Maui. Cane Haul Road will provide an alternate route to reduce impacts on Fleming Road and Leiali'i Parkway and provide emergency access for the region. The emergency temporary housing for Maui Wildfire survivors is constructed above existing subdivisions. There is significant community concern that both the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) (169 units) and State (395 units) housing sites, added to Kaiāulu o Kūku'ia (200 units), will increase traffic in the existing subdivisions. The primary concerns for all are congestion and safety. All three new developments will benefit from the paving of Cane Haul Road.

Paving the Cane Haul Road from Keawe Street to just north of the Lāhainā Civic Center will allow two more connection points to the system where relief can be provided. From there, DOT could adjust access points to maximize efficiency and safety.

DHS respectfully requests that any appropriation not reduce or replace priorities

identified in the executive budget.

**PURPOSE:** This bill requires the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to institute proceedings to condemn certain lands in Lahaina to build a new access road from Keawe Street to the Kilohana and Kalaiola sites developed in the Villages of Leialii. Appropriates funds out of the Major Disaster Fund for the appraisals and other preparations for the condemnation proceedings. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

The Senate Committee on Housing amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

The Committees on Ways and Means and Judiciary further amended the measure by:

- (1) Appropriating an unspecified sum out of the Major Disaster Fund;
- (2) Deleting the appropriations into and out of the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund; and
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion on the measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure.



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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**HEARING BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING  
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, HOUSE CONFERENCE ROOM 430  
Wednesday, March 12, 2025 AT 9:00 A.M.**

To The Honorable Representative Luke A. Evslin, Chair  
The Honorable Representative Tyson K. Miyake, Vice Chair  
Members of the Committee on Housing

### **SUPPORT SB414 SD2 RELATING TO HOUSING**

The Maui Chamber of Commerce **SUPPORTS SB414 SD2** which requires the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) to institute proceedings to condemn certain lands in Lahaina to build a new access road from Keawe Street to the Kilohana and Kalaiola sites developed in the Villages of Leialii.

The Chamber notes that three projects are connected on their makai sides by a former cane haul road, which runs from north to south on land owned by HHFDC. At its northern end, the former cane haul road connects to Leialii Parkway and intersects with Waihikuli Road and Fleming Road as it heads south. Before reaching Keawe Street, this former cane haul road crosses lands owned by Keawe Street Investment LLC and West Maui Venture Group.

While we understand the necessity of this project, we encourage the state to engage in negotiations with the landowners prior to pursuing the complex process of eminent domain. We also hope that the landowners will enter into negotiations in good faith with the HHFDC.

Given the severe housing shortage in both the State and Maui County, we strongly support initiatives that promote, rather than hinder, the development of housing for our residents.

For these reasons we **SUPPORT SB414 SD2** and respectfully request its passage.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap  
President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics.