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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

February 11, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 225

In consideration of
S.B. 662
RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

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

HHFDC **supports** SB 662, which requires the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) to transfer the public roads of the Villages of Kapolei to the City and County of Honolulu by January 1, 2026. It also authorizes county police officers to enforce the statewide traffic code on all public streets, roadways, and highways within the State.

This bill attempts to address a 30-year-old problem that has existed at the Villages of Kapolei (VOK), where the City and County of Honolulu (City) has not accepted the dedication of infrastructure improvements constructed by an HHFDC predecessor agency. While the City enjoys the real property tax revenues derived in part from the State's infrastructure improvements, HHFDC is forced to maintain those same improvements at an average cost to the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund of more than \$1,000,000 per year. The cost will soon increase to about \$10,000,000 per year to pay for the necessary road rehabilitation work at VOK.

These are funds that could be used for the development of new housing units and infrastructure for affordable housing throughout the State.

HHFDC is more than willing to transfer the roads and other infrastructure to the City; however, we would not be able to fulfill the requirement of the bill if the City is unwilling to accept the roads.

Two years ago, HHFDC and the City entered into a memorandum of agreement. The first phase is complete at a cost of \$15 million. It will take HHFDC ten years, at a cost of \$100 million, to improve the roadway to the City's standards.

In addition, HHFDC supports the provision that specifies that county police officers have the authority to enforce violations on any federal, state, and county street, roadway, or highway.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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February 7, 2025

The Honorable Stanley Chang, Chair
The Honorable Troy N. Hashimoto, Vice Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Housing
State Senate
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Chang, Vice Chair Hashimoto, and Members of the Committee:

Subject: SB662 – Relating to Transportation

The City and County of Honolulu (City) has been diligently meeting and negotiating with the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) on the transfer of the roads within the Villages of Kapolei (roads). These discussions included assessments by City departments of non-conforming conditions and the remedial actions, including costs, necessary for the City to address these nonconformities in accepting dedication.

In 2024, I personally met with the Executive Director of HHFDC and, after negotiations, we came to a verbal agreement for the City to accept the roads, with the City agreeing to accept a \$20M discount on the assessed value of remedial work at \$80M. The City agreed to accept \$60M, a discounted assessed value, especially in light of increased costs associated with future remedial action that will be required to address these nonconformities.

Subsequent to our verbal agreement, which was to be memorialized by the parties, the City was informed HHFDC was told to reduce the settlement amount to \$40M. The City is prepared to consummate the transfer of roads to the City at the agreed upon discounted value of \$60M and is also willing to discuss payment options with HHFDC.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael D. Formby", is written over a horizontal line.

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SB-662

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Ellen Awai	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I stand ins support of SB662. I live on Miula St. and there was difficulty with enforcing road rules, since no one was sure as the areas are plantation lands, who owned the property. C&C law enforcement could not get other City or contracted workers to take responsibility, clear lines of responsibility had to be established. Especially when seniors volunteering their time as a new community to clean the sidewalks, but became too old to do the job! So they grumbled to me to grumble to government and actually collect the can/bottles for recycling, like I had nothing better to do!

Then City Councilman August Tulba and Representative Diamond Garcia, the Men in Black, came to clean up the area sidewalk area over the fence of another organization in the area, during elections last year. Franciscan residents, the same ones that feed the feral cats, and complained to Tulba and apparently Garcia to clean the illegal dumping down the road because they want to see men in uniform. Thus, they only come to group gatherings when HFD and HPD are called regularly! Just explaining how terrible area people can be, with wasting others' time and resources!