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Statement of  
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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING**

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In consideration of  
**H.B. 1411**  
**RELATING TO HOUSING PREFERENCE.**

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

HHFDC has comments on HB 1411, which allows the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) to allow projects to grant preferences in the sale or lease of housing units to applicants who live or work within 5 miles of the project.

HHFDC supports creating neighborhoods where residents can live, work, and play. However, it is a reality that many residents will change jobs and their place of employment several times over the course of their careers. As such, we have some concerns about prioritizing proximity to housing projects at the expense of other criteria such as income or household size.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.