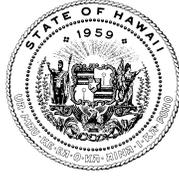


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TESTIMONY OF KALI WATSON, CHAIR  
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION  
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING  
HEARING ON MARCH 18, 2025 AT 1:10PM IN CR 225

**SCR 77 / SR 60**

March 17, 2025

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

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) **supports** this resolution 1) 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 2) requesting the corporation and each county to include certain information when approving housing projects for housing credits.

DHHL has utilized housing credits issued by certain counties for development projects on Hawaiian Home Lands that are constructed under the various programs of HHFDC. Therefore, DHHL appreciates that this resolution clarifies that housing projects that were approved before July 1, 2031, will still be eligible for housing credits after the current July 1, 2031 sunset of Act 31, SLH 2024. Statements noting the eligible developer's rights to receive credits, the number of housing units that qualify to earn credits, and the number of housing credits to be earned, will also be useful for all respective agencies to maintain accurate, active records and serve the collective mission of addressing the current housing crisis.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

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### Statement of **DEAN MINAKAMI**

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Before the

### **SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING**

March 18, 2025 at 1:10 p.m.  
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In consideration of  
**S.C.R 77/ S.R. 60**

**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 SCR 77/ SR 60.

HHFDC agrees that housing projects constructed under our 201H programs that we approved before the 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.

**SR-60**

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Comments:

DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOMES QUALIFY FOR THIS MEASURE?