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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of  
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Before the

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

March 15, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.  
State Capitol, Room 016

In consideration of  
**H.B. 2444 SD1**  
**RELATING TO HOUSING.**

HHFDC **strongly supports** H.B. 2444 SD1. This bill would condition a county's authority to exercise state housing powers upon a county's continued compliance with provisions regarding the acceptance of the dedication of infrastructure and public highways in affordable housing developments.

This bill attempts to address a 30-year-old problem that has existed in the Villages of Kapolei, where the City and County of Honolulu has still not accepted dedication of the infrastructure improvements constructed by the state. While the City enjoys the real property tax revenues derived in part from the State's infrastructure improvements, HHFDC is forced to continue maintaining the roads, sidewalks, and other infrastructure 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 in the Villages of Kapolei. These are funds that could have been applied to new infrastructure for newly constructed affordable housing throughout the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.