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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of  
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Before the

### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

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State Capitol, Room 325

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

HHFDC **strongly supports** H.B. 2444. 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 takes big steps to address a 30-year-old problem that has existed at the Villages of Kapolei, where the City and County of Honolulu has not accepted 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 in the Villages of Kapolei.

These are funds that could have been used for the development of new infrastructure for affordable housing throughout the State.

This bill has the effect of encouraging the city to accept the dedication of infrastructure and public highways in the Villages of Kapolei.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.