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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of **Craig K. Hirai** Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

April 14, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. State Capitol, Room 423

In consideration of

S.C.R. 99

REQUESTING VARIOUS GOVERNMENT ENTITIES, PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING DEVELOPERS, AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO COLLABORATE AND PRODUCE A COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE HOUSING PLAN.

The HHFDC supports the intent of S.C.R. 99 and offers the following comments.

- 1. HHFDC is willing to take the lead in drafting the statewide housing plan. We are responsible for preparing the State of Hawaii Consolidated Plan, which serves as a statewide housing plan and application for federal housing-related funds. HHFDC collaborates with federal, state and county agencies and obtains public input from nonprofit organizations and other concerned citizens in the preparation of the Consolidated Plan.
- 2. The Consolidated Plan and planning process could be the starting point. The focus of the Consolidated Plan is housing assistance for low-and moderateincome households, persons who are homeless, and persons with special housing needs. This could be expanded to include housing for other income groups including the gap group.
- **3.** An appropriation to help defray the cost to produce the plan is needed. We estimate the need for approximately \$20,000 - \$25,000 for travel, publication, planning venue, and other costs related to producing the plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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STATEMENT OF

ANTHONY J. H. CHING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

BEFORE THE

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

ON

Monday, April 14, 2014

11:00 A.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 423

in consideration of

S.C.R. 99 – REQUESTING VARIOUS GOVERNMENT ENTITIES, PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING DEVELOPERS, AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO COLLABORATE AND PRODUCE A COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE HOUSING PLAN.

Purpose: To create a comprehensive statewide housing plan to address the unmet housing needs of Hawaii residents.

Position: While the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) is not principally a housing agency, we offer the following comments on this measure.

Over 50% of the units that are now being built in Kakaako are reserved for qualified income groups, like Hawaii's working families. At the conclusion of this building cycle, approximately 37% of all units in Kakaako will be for low and moderate income individuals.

While the HCDA primarily serves a regulatory role in the redevelopment of its Community Development Districts in Kakaako, Kalaeloa, and Heeia, we are committed to being part of the solution, and not the problem. The HCDA supports any statewide effort to create more housing opportunities for Hawaii residents. We will collaborate with our sister agencies to produce a comprehensive housing plan and will report to the legislature on our progress.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments on this measure.

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TESTIMONY OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING IN SUPPORT OF

SCR 99, REQUESTING VARIOUS GOVERNMENT ENTITIES, PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING DEVELOPERS, AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO COLLABORATE AND PRODUCE A COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE HOUSING PLAN.

April 14, 2014

Aloha Chair Hashem, Vice-Chair Woodson, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) supports this resolution that calls for a comprehensive statewide housing plan. We agree that a comprehensive housing plan that includes all housing agencies can encourage and support appropriate funding allocations to each agency, and a collaborative plan can help maximize these appropriations.

We ask that you consider incorporating language into this resolution that encourages federal agencies or entities that provide housing services to also contribute to the plan, either by participating directly, or by sharing housing data. Also, while we support the intent of this plan, please keep in mind that our department is limited to serving the interests of native Hawaiian beneficiaries (50% blood quantum).

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.



STATE OF HAWAII STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES 919 ALA MOANA BOULEVARD, ROOM 113 HONOLULU, HAWAII 96814 TELEPHONE: (808) 586-8100 FAX: (808) 586-7543 April 14, 2014

The Honorable Mark J. Hashem, Chair House Committee on Housing Twenty-Seventh Legislature State Capitol State of Hawaii Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Hashem and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: SCR 99 - REQUESTING VARIOUS GOVERNMENT ENTITIES, PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING DEVELOPERS, AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZA-TIONS TO COLLABORATE AND PRODUCE A COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE HOUSING PLAN

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **SUPPORTS SCR 99**. The purpose of the concurrent resolution is to request government agencies, private sector, and community organizations to collaborate and produce a comprehensive statewide housing plan that addresses the housing shortage identified by the 2011 Hawaii Housing Planning Study.

The Council welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with the entities listed on Page 2, lines 22-27, and participate in the completion of a comprehensive statewide housing plan. We are responsible for the development and implementation of a Five-Year State Plan. The current State Plan (FY 2012-2016) includes a Goal, "People with intellectual and developmental disabilities will receive the necessary supports to live self-determined lives and have equal access under the law." One of the objectives to address this goal is that, "Seventy-five per cent of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities live where they state they want to live by September 30, 2016."

Generally, people with DD receive some level of State and Federal assistance (general assistance, State Supplemental Income, Social Security Disability Insurance, etc.), fall within the low income category, and are employed in low wage positions. We strongly believe that the comprehensive statewide housing plan should not only address The Honorable Mark J. Hashem Page 2 April 14, 2014

an array of housing options for sale and for rent but also address how individuals with DD can access affordable and accessible housing units. As noted, housing for all income levels should be a priority for the housing plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SCR 99.

Sincerely,

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Waynette K.Y. Cabral, M.S.W. Executive Administrator

J. Curtis Tyler, III Chair

Community Alliance for Mental Health

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To: House Committee on Housing Re: SCR 99

Aloha Chair Hashem and the members of the committee,

On behalf of the Community Alliance for Mental Health along with United Self Help we strongly support passage of SCR 99.

The lack of affordable and low cost housing are the single greatest problem facing the disabled community. In all our work aimed at helping and healing the homeless we are faced the potential that our work could be moot if there is no place to house our community's most vulnerable citizens.

On top of that what of our working poor? No matter how well our economy recovers what will we be if there are no homes for the people that fix the cars, clean the hotel rooms, and pour the Mai Tai's?

Passage of SCR 99 will not be a panacea but it is a step in the right direction. Therefore we strongly urge you to pass SCR 99.

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