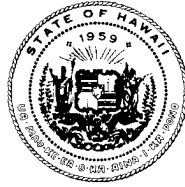


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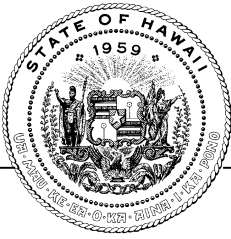
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April 8, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.
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In consideration of
S.C.R. 136, S.D. 1
REQUESTING AN UPDATE OF THE STATE HOUSING FUNCTIONAL PLAN.

HHFDC **supports** S.C.R. 136, S.D. 1, which asks the Governor, in coordination with the Office of Planning and the HHFDC, to update the State Housing Functional Plan. We agree that statewide housing conditions have changed sufficiently to require an updated State Housing Functional Plan, and are willing to work with the Office of Planning on this endeavor.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments in support of this concurrent resolution.



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SCR 136, SD1
REQUESTING AN UPDATE OF THE STATE HOUSING FUNCTIONAL PLAN.

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kouchi, and Members of the Senate Committees on Ways and Means.

The Office of Planning (OP) supports the intent of SCR 136, SD1 which request the Office of Planning and the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to update the State Housing Functional Plan.

With the adoption of SB 1074, OP also anticipates conducting a comprehensive review of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 226, the State Planning Act, to include: (1) the analysis of a wide array of state policies and programs, county plans and programs, functional plans, capital improvements programs, and significant issues confronting the State with respect to the State Planning Act and its implementation; and (2) soliciting proposals for amendments to the State Planning Act from the general public pursuant to HRS § 226-54. OP is to submit a report of its findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation, if any, to the Legislature prior to the 2017 legislative session.

SB 1074, specified an appropriation amount of \$250,000 for both fiscal years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 in order to complete the comprehensive review. These funds would be required

as OP lacks the staff and resources to undertake a project of this scope at this time. A rigorous evaluation of the State Planning Act will require an investment of public and private resources. Development of the original plan included thorough topic area studies, statewide collaboration, and input by subject matter experts. The office estimates that the initially proposed appropriation amounts in SB 1074 would be sufficient to accomplish this work.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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David Z. Arakawa	Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF) provides the following COMMENTS, PROPOSED AMENDMENTS, and SUPPORTS of the intent of SCR 136, SD1, REQUESTING AN UPDATE OF THE STATE HOUSING FUNCTIONAL PLAN, which provides that the Governor, in coordination with the Office of Planning and the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC), are requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2016. (SCR 136, SD1) LURF COMMENTS AND AMENDMENTS: The Update of the State Housing Functional Plan will involve information, data, and proposals relating to low-income housing, affordable housing, as well as market housing. While HHFDC has experience in developing housing projects; the Office of Planning does not have experience developing housing; and, with due respect to HHFDC, private housing developers have much broader and more experience than HHFDC regarding the development of various different types of housing projects. Thus, LURF respectfully recommends that SCR 136, SD1, be AMENDED to include: (1) that for the the Office of Planning and HHFDC include the input and recommendations of experienced developers of affordable and market housing; and (2) that an appropriation be made to HHFDC to pay for the costs of the Update of the State Housing Functional Plan.

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