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**SCR186**

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| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b>        | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Anthony Ching       | HI Community Dev Authority | Comments Only             | Yes                       |

Comments: Provide comments as to ongoing efforts to achieve a live work play community consistent with ULI guidelines.

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STATEMENT OF

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BEFORE THE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND  
AND  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING

ON

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2015

2:45 P.M.

State Capitol, Conference Room 224

in consideration of

**SCR 186 – ENCOURAGING THE ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION  
OF OFFICE OF PLANNING, LAND USE COMMISSION, HAWAII  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, HAWAII HOUSING  
FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, AND COUNTY  
PLANNING DEPARTMENTS TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT  
RECOMMENDATIONS HIGHLIGHTED IN THE BUILDING HEALTHY  
PLACES TOOLKIT REPORT BY THE URBAN LAND INSTITUTE.**

**Position:** I provide the following comments on this resolution. I note that this testimony represents my own position and not that of the Authority, as the newly composed Authority has not yet held its first meeting.

Many of the tenets of the Building Health Places Toolkit Report are the same goals and guiding principles for the Hawaii Community Development Authority. The HCDA is striving to transform Kakaako into a unique, vibrant gathering place that promotes healthy living and community interaction.

**Transit Oriented Development and Complete Streets.** The draft environmental impact statement for the HCDA's Transit Oriented Development Overlay Plan was just released, detailing the ways in which Kakaako can be transformed to become Hawaii's first true transit oriented community. Future development will prioritize the building of an active, walkable, compact community. The concept of complete streets is being actively pursued, which will foster the creation of more safe pedestrian pathways, bicycle lanes, and transit pathways to connect the neighborhood and reduce automobile use and traffic. The HCDA is working closely with the city so that this complete streets concept will be mirrored in surrounding neighborhoods as well, ensuring a network of connectivity.

**Live, Work, Play.** In redeveloping Kakaako, the HCDA is constantly seeking ways to make the neighborhood one of Hawaii's best places to live, work, and play. To date, the HCDA has overseen the development of over 6,500 new housing units in the district, with thousands more on the horizon. Numerous retail, dining, and entertainment facilities are also either in existence or planned for Kakaako, making it a communal gathering place with something for everyone.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this concurrent resolution.

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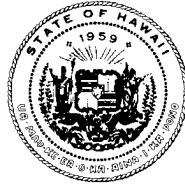
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| Craig K. Hirai      | HHFDC               | Support                   | Yes                       |

Comments: Support intent.

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

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING**

March 30, 2015 at 2:45 p.m.  
State Capitol, Room 224

In consideration of  
**S.C.R. 186/S.R. 121**

**ENCOURAGING THE ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF OFFICE OF  
PLANNING, LAND USE COMMISSION, HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY, HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,  
AND COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENTS TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT  
RECOMMENDATIONS HIGHLIGHTED IN THE BUILDING HEALTHY PLACES  
TOOLKIT REPORT BY THE URBAN LAND INSTITUTE.**

HHFDC *supports the intent* of S.C.R. 186/S.R. 121. If affordable housing can be developed in healthy, walkable communities, then low-income persons and families will be able to live an affordable lifestyle with access to schools, jobs, health care, and social services.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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## **SCR186**

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|---------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| David Z. Arakawa    | Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii | Oppose                    | No                        |

Comments: The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii supports the recommendations and strategies in the Building Healthy Places Toolkit Report by the Urban Land Institute (ULI); and supports the general intent of SCR 186; however, must OPPOSE the current form of SCR 186 (Encouraging the adoption and implementation of Office of Planning, Land Use Commission, Hawaii Community Development Authority [HCDA], Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation [HHFDC] and County Planning Departments to adopt and implement recommendations highlighted in the Building Healthy Places Toolkit Report by ULI). LURF's OPPOSITION is based on, among other things, the following: (1) As currently drafted, SCR 186, could be interpreted as a mandate on all State and County agencies to adopt, implement and require compliance with all recommendations highlighted in ULI's Healthy Places Toolkit Report; (2) ULI never intended its Health Places Toolkit Report as a mandate on all development; (3) SCR 186 violates the principles of "Home Rule" and the rights of the counties to establish and implement their own ordinances, policies and rules and regulations regarding development; (4) Attempts to establishes a legislative mandate without transparency, public and professional input, and without consultation and collaboration of those stakeholders most affected; Lacks any consideration of increased costs to government and the public; and (5) Such mandates will have the unintended consequence of substantially increasing the costs of government projects and affordable housing. LURF supports both the recommendations and strategies in ULI's Building Healthy Places Toolkit Report; and the general intent of SCR 186. However, based on the above concerns, LURF must OPPOSE the current version of SCR 186, and respectfully recommends the following AMENDMENTS to SCR 186: (1) DELETE the mandate for adoption and implementation of ULI's Building Healthy Places Toolkit Report; (2) ADD language encouraging the Office of Planning, LUC, HCDA, HHFDC and County Planning Departments to seek public and professional input and consultation and collaboration with those stakeholders most affected relating to ULI's Building Healthy Places Toolkit Report; (3) ADD the preparation of a report to the Legislature by the Office of Planning, based on the above-referenced input and consultation and collaboration, recommending a State Pilot Project implementing some of the recommendations in ULI's Building Healthy Places Toolkit

Report; the Office of Planning report should document and confirm the benefits, costs and unintended consequences of the adoption and implementation of the Pilot Project; and (4) Provide funding to the Office of Planning relating to the preparation of such a report.

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