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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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

## SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

March 2, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. State Capitol, Room 211

## In consideration of S.B. 975 RELATING TO THE RENTAL HOUSING TRUST FUND.

HHFDC <u>supports</u> S.B. 975, which adds a new secondary preference for Rental Housing Trust Fund project applicants that have received awards of non-volume cap Low-Income Housing Tax Credit and Hula Mae Multifamily revenue bonds. We believe this will provide additional incentives for the development of rental projects serving lower income households.

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

## <u>SB975</u>

Submitted on: 3/1/2015 Testimony for WAM on Mar 2, 2015 09:00AM in Conference Room 211

| Submitted By     | Organization                              | Testifier<br>Position | Present at<br>Hearing |
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| David Z. Arakawa | Land Use Research<br>Foundation of Hawaii | Support               | No                    |

Comments: he Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii SUPPORTS SB 975, relating to the Rental housing Trust Fund, which provides a preference for Rental Housing Trust Fund project applicants that receive federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credits. Takes effect on 1/1/2016.

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