# SCR2

RE: URGING VARIOUS GOVERNMENT ENTITIES WHO MANAGE AND OWN LAND AROUND EACH OF THE PLANNED RAIL TRANSIT STATIONS TO CONSIDER AND INCLUDE IN DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSIONS, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES, ELDERLY SERVICES, AND OTHER BENEFICIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII.

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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

## SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY

March 28, 2016 at 1:15 p.m. State Capitol, Room 414

In consideration of S.C.R. 2

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HHFDC <u>supports</u> S.C.R. 2. The Administration believes that transit-oriented development (TOD) brings together elements of affordable housing, health and community services, educational and economic development opportunities, and commercial and retail activities to enliven neighborhoods around the City and County of Honolulu's planned rail stations to revitalize our urban centers.

HHFDC currently participates in the State Agency TOD Task Force meetings convened by State legislators and chaired by Senator Chun Oakland. We will continue to work with other State agencies to coordinate development along the planned rail stations to provide needed services, programs, and affordable housing to foster sustainable mixed use communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Chairs Inouye and Wakai, Vice Chairs Gabbard and Slom, and Members of the Senate Committees on Transportation and Energy and Economic Development, Environment, and Technology.

The Office of Planning (OP) supports SCR 2. The Administration believes that transitoriented development (TOD) has the potential to bring together elements of affordable housing, health and community services, educational and economic development opportunities, and commercial and retail activities to enliven neighborhoods around the planned rail stations of the Honolulu Rail Transit Project and to revitalize our urban centers.

OP has supported this concept through its participation in the State Transit-Oriented Development Task Force meetings convened by State legislators and chaired by Senator Chun Oakland. As the Task Force starts to focus on master planning around key State project areas, we anticipate continuing to encourage State agencies to think broadly in terms of how their individual projects can contribute to the co-location of services, programs, and housing to foster more livable and sustainable mixed use communities along the rail corridor.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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## Statement of Hakim Ouansafi Hawaii Public Housing Authority Before the

#### SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY AND SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY

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Honorable Chair Wakai and Honorable Chair Inouye and Members of the Senate Committees on Economic Development, Environment, and Technology, and Transportation and Energy, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in <u>support</u> of Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 2, which urges various government entities who manage and own land around each of the planned rail transit stations to consider and include in development discussions, to the greatest extent possible, affordable housing, child and family services, elderly services, and other beneficial opportunities for the people of Hawaii.

The Governor and his Administration have been working diligently and created a housing strategy that encompasses TOD development. The Governor is committed to "Build homes that people can afford, including rentals, to address the needs of those entering the work force; Renovate the state's public housing facilities; and on O'ahu, identify state lands near transit stations for housing, employment centers, daycare, senior centers, and community facilities."

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) is finalizing a public-private partnership to redevelop Mayor Wright Homes, which is located within a quarter mile of the proposed Iwilei Honolulu Rail station. This redevelopment project will include public housing units as well as

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affordable and market rate units and commercial uses. The HPHA is endeavoring to redevelop several of its other properties within the TOD zones of the Honolulu Rail line, envisioning the creation of vibrant, walkable, accessible and diverse communities, and a substantial increase in the number of housing units for each project.

As a member of the State TOD Task Force that was initiated in late 2014 and led by Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland and a provider of low-income housing, we understand the need and opportunity to provide housing, child and family services, elderly service, and other beneficial services within the TOD zones.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committees on Economic Development, Environment, and Technology, and Transportation and Energy with the HPHA's testimony regarding SCR 2.

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March 27, 2016

TO:

The Honorable Senator Glenn Wakai, Chair, Chair Senate Committee on Economic Development, Environment, and Technology

The Honorable Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy

FROM: Rachael Wong, DrPH, Director

SUBJECT:SCR 2 – URGING VARIOUS GOVERNMENT ENTITIES WHO MANAGE AND OWN<br/>LAND AROUND EACH OF THE PLANNED RAIL TRANSIT STATIONS TO CONSIDER<br/>AND INCLUDE IN DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSIONS, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT<br/>POSSIBLE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING, CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES, ELDERLY<br/>SERVICES, AND OTHER BENEFICIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PEOPLE OF<br/>HAWAII

Hearing: Monday, March 28, 2016, 1:15 p.m. Conference Room 414, State Capitol

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION**: The Department of Human Services supports this resolution.

**PURPOSE**: This resolution urges the various state and county departments who manage and own land around each of the planned rail transit stations to consider and include in development discussions, to the greatest extent possible, affordable housing, child and family services, elderly services, and other beneficial opportunities for the people of Hawaii.

The Department's mission and multi-generational approach, 'Ohana Nui, are focused on serving children, families, and individuals in our community and empower Hawai'i residents with support and services *to expand their capacity for self-sufficiency, selfdetermination, independence, healthy choices, quality of life, and personal dignity*. Wellplanned, -designed, and equitable transit-oriented development (TOD) may accomplish AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AGENCY interrelated goals by maintaining and providing housing for low- or moderate-income families, preventing displacement of existing residents through gentrification, ensuring access to transportation (as the core users of public transportation are often low- to moderateincome residents), and co-locating essential services for children and families. Built communities are intentional and community-based in design. Well-planned communities address the social determinants of health—how we live, work, play, and learn—focus on those who will reside and work there.

The Department further supports passage of administration measure SB 2833 SD2 HD1 Relating to the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit that will support equitable TOD by allowing the issue of tax credits for the rehabilitation or new construction of rental housing targeted to low-income households. The Hawaii Public Housing Authority has already embraced the concepts of TOD as it plans to redeveloping public housing properties within TOD zones to increase the number of available housing units while investing in walkable, accessible and diverse neighborhoods.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this resolution.

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