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Statement of LUIS P. SALAVERIA

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Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Tuesday, March 13, 2018 10:15 a.m. State Capitol, Conference Room 211

in consideration of

SCR 14, SD1 APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 2949 ALA ILIMA STREET, NO. 204, HONOLULU HAWAII; and SCR 15, SD1 APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 41-1373 HAUNAUKOI STREET, WAIMANALO, HAWAII.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) <u>supports</u> SCR 14, SD1, and SCR 15, SD1, part of the Administration's legislative package. HHFDC is seeking legislative approval to sell the leased fee interest in two homes to their respective leasehold owners.

HHFDC has met all statutory prerequisites to request approval of the sale of these homes. Accordingly, DBEDT respectfully requests that the Committee pass these concurrent resolutions.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer written comments in support of these Concurrent Resolutions.



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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of
Craig K. Hirai
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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

March 13, 2018 at 10:15 a.m. State Capitol, Room 211

In consideration of S.C.R. 14, S.D. 1
APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 2949 ALA ILIMA STREET, NO. 204, HONOLULU, HAWAII.

The HHFDC <u>supports</u> S.C.R. 14, S.D. 1. HHFDC is seeking legislative approval to sell the leased fee interest in this condominium unit to its leasehold owner. This unit was built in 1971 as part of the Puana Malu condominium. Only 3 units out of the 24 total units in the condominium remain in leasehold. The fair market value of the leased fee interest in 2949 Ala Ilima Street No. 204, as of June 1, 2017 was \$74,400.

A title search conducted by Title Guaranty of Hawaii on July 27, 2017, showed that this parcel was classified as private land previous to August 15, 1895. HHFDC conducted a public meeting on the proposed sale on August 8, 2017, at Aliamanu Middle School, Classroom #C-2, Honolulu, Hawaii, following publication of notice in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser newspaper on August 1 and 3, 2017. There was no objection to the proposed sale raised at that time.

HHFDC has also worked with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs during the interim to keep them informed of these findings and intent to sell the leased fee interest in this parcel. A copy of the draft resolution was provided to OHA on September 29, 2017.

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



SCR14 SD1 APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 2949 ALA ILIMA STREET, NO. 204, HONOLULU, HAWAII

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) offers the following <u>COMMENTS</u> on SCR14 SD1, which would approve the sale of the leased fee interest in an apartment unit in the Puna Malu condominium. This parcel does not appear to be "ceded" land and OHA does not oppose the sale of this parcel.

SCR14 SD1 was offered for consideration by the Legislature in accordance with Act 176, Session Laws of Hawai'i (SLH) 2009, and Act 169, SLH 2011, as amended. Act 176 requires a two-thirds majority approval by both houses of the Legislature before any public lands controlled by the state can be sold. In addition, pursuant to Act 169, state departments must prepare and submit legislative resolutions containing detailed information regarding their anticipated land transactions, and share these resolutions with OHA at least three months prior to the opening of the legislative session. See HRS §§ 171-64.7(c). This three months' detailed notice provides OHA with sufficient time to determine, among other things, whether the lands contemplated for sale are "ceded"; OHA generally opposes any sale or alienation of "ceded" lands, pending the resolution of Native Hawaiian people's unrelinquished claims to the "ceded" lands corpus.

The language of SCR14 SD1 was provided to OHA in compliance with the three month notice requirement for the proposed disposition of public lands. This allowed OHA to independently confirm that the parcel being proposed for sale is not comprised of "ceded" lands.

Accordingly, OHA does not oppose the proposed sale in SCR14 SD1. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

<u>SCR-14-SD-1</u> Submitted on: 3/12/2018 5:35:16 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/13/2018 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
De MONT R. D. CONNER	Testifying for Ho'omanapono Political Action Committee (HPAC)	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

We continue to STRONGLY OPPOSE this resolution, on the grounds that Prince Lot is a Kamehameha, it is his land! This property should NOT BE SOLD! Mahalo!