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Statement of
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Before the

## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

February 26, 2019 at 12:30 p.m. State Capitol, Room 308

In consideration of
H.B. 818, H.D. 1
RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS IN COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS.

The HHFDC <u>supports</u> H.B. 818, H.D. 1, which requires eligible affordable housing projects located in a community development district administered by the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) to consult with the HCDA.

At present, there is no formal entitlement process for chapter 201H, HRS, affordable housing projects located in a community development district administered by the HCDA. Chapter 201H, HRS, affordable housing projects would be required to be constructed, renovated, or improved in consultation the HCDA. This would add clarity to the entitlement process and establish a formal record of entitlement.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.





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## STATEMENT OF AEDWARD LOS BANOS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Thursday, February 26, 2019 12:30 P.M. State Capitol, Conference Room 308

## in consideration of HB 818, HD1 RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee.

The Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) respectfully offer comments on HB 818, HD1.

HB 818, HD1 clarifies the entitlement process for affordable housing projects in community development districts by requiring developers to consult with HCDA. This consultation process will allow us to work collaboratively to work toward consistency with community plans and our rules in the community development districts and will help to improve such affordable housing projects.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on HB 818, HD1.