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Statement of LEO R. ASUNCION

Planning Program Administrator, Office of Planning before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Monday, February 25, 2019 2:30 PM State Capitol, Conference Room 308

in consideration of

HB 895, HD1

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,

AND TOURISM BUDGET.

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the House Committee on Finance.

The Office of Planning (OP), supports HB 895, HD 1, and respectfully submits the following comments on the measure:

- **Page 4, Line 9**: The appropriation for the Accountant IV position corresponds to an incorrect Step and SR level for the position. The correct appropriation should reflect \$26,478 for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (6-month delay in hiring) and \$52,956 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.
- **Page 4, Line 12**: Although the Committee on Water, Land, and Hawaiian Affairs states in their committee report (HSCR No. 791) that HB 895 was amended in HD1 to appropriate federal funds to adjust for the federal grant ceiling, the increase is not reflected in HB 895, HD 1. OP asks that BED 144 N funds should be increased by \$73,963 to a final total of \$2,459,651 in both Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

DAVID Y.IGE Governor

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Statement of Daniel E. Orodenker **Executive Officer** Land Use Commission Before the **House Committee on Finance**

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In consideration of HB 895 HD1 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM STATE BUDGET

Chair Luke; Vice Chair Cullen; and members of the House Committee on Finance:

The Land Use Commission (LUC) strongly supports HB 895 HD1, which appropriates operating funds for the LUC (BED103) for the fiscal biennium 2019-2021. The adjustments made in HD1 resolve shortfalls in personnel costs and maintains a flat budget for other operating expenses.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.





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STATEMENT OF AEDWARD LOS BANOS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Before the **HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

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in consideration of

HB 895, HD1 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM STATE BUDGET

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

The HCDA **supports** HB 895, HD1. However, we would prefer the governor's proposed budget item funding HCDA from General Funds.

Under this bill, HCDA positions would be funded by revolving funds.

Using HCDA's revolving fund for these staff positions diverts money intended for public facilities and affordable housing, and it would fully exhaust the revolving fund in 2021.

The HCDA respectfully requests that the positions be funded by the general fund and not the HCDA's revolving fund.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on HB 895, HD1.