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STATEMENT OF
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Before the
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM**

and

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Monday, June 29, 2020
3:00 P.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

in consideration of

SCR 49/SR 28 REQUESTING THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY TO DEVISE AND ADOPT A TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PLAN
FOR THE KAKAAKO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Chairs Wakai and Kahele, Vice Chairs Taniguchi and Keith-Agaran, and members of the
committees.

The Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) **supports SCR 49/SR 28.**

Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, HCDA board members had expressed interest in
reviewing and possibly revising the HCDA transit-oriented overlay plan for Kakaako. This
resolution is consistent with board interest.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support of SCR 49/SR 28.**

Howard Hughes.

June 28, 2020

Chairs Senator Glenn Wakai and Senator Kaiali'i Kahele
Committee on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism
Committee on Water and Land



Re: SCR 49/SR 28 – Requesting HCDA Devise and Adopt a Transit Oriented
Development Plan for the Kaka'ako Community Development District
In Support, Requesting Amendment



Aloha Chairs and Committee Members,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide this testimony **in support of SCR 49/SR 28**. We believe there are a number of reasons to support these resolutions:

1. The Hawai'i Community Development Authority ("HCDA") has already invested a significant amount of time and resources into the process to develop their TOD Overlay Plan, including the completion and acceptance of the EIS.
2. As the City moves forward with various TOD plans, the state controlled HCDA areas should catch up in TOD planning so that areas affected by rail will be prepared to take advantage of this mass transit project that we have all invested in.
3. As the State continues to look at economic recovery, the completed TOD Plan will provide the necessary long term planning and execution of the redevelopment in the district, creating critically needed jobs for the construction industry, and planning and architectural industries.
4. The TOD Plan will also provide further guidance and incentive for the development of much needed affordable housing.
5. We note that the rules making process for the TOD Plan will include a public input process as required by law.

Finally, we request that the Resolutions be amended to change the deadline for HCDA to provide the TOD Plans to the Legislature from 2021 to 2022. Given the impact of this COVID period on the Legislature and State agencies, we believe providing this additional time is reasonable for the completion of this process.

We look forward to working with HCDA in the development of the TOD Plans for the Kaka'ako Community. Mahalo for your efforts on these Resolutions, as well as all that the Legislature is undertaking during this time.

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