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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of  
**DENISE ISERI-MATSUBARA**  
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Before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

March 2, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.  
State Capitol, Room 211

In consideration of  
**S.B. 7**  
**RELATING TO THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION.**

The HHFDC *supports the intent* of S.B. 7, a bill that adds a new section to Chapter 201H, HRS, to provide HHFDC with the right of first refusal for all development of State lands except for those owned or operated by the HPHA or DHHL, located within a one-half mile radius of a rail transit station. The right of first refusal established by this bill is triggered by a transfer of any property interest in lands, and lasts until the HHFDC chooses whether or not to exercise its right of first refusal.

HHFDC notes that not all such lands are suitable for housing development. We also want to be respectful of the priorities of other State departments that own or control land along the Honolulu rail transit route.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments on this bill.

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Statement of  
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Before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**Tuesday, March 2, 2021**  
**9:30 AM - Room 211, Hawaii State Capitol**

In consideration of  
**SB 7**

**RELATING TO THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Honorable Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony concerning Senate Bill (SB) 7, relating to the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) **supports the exemption of the HPHA** in SB 7. This measure authorizes the Hawaii housing finance and development corporation the right of first refusal for the development of property for all development on state lands, **excluding Hawaii Public Housing Authority** and Department of Hawaiian Home Land lands, that are within a one-half mile radius of a rail transit station provided there is a transfer of any property interest, including a leasehold interest, of state lands that are within a one-half mile radius of a rail transit station.

As you may know, the HPHA receives its federal funding through an Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) which provides the terms and conditions between the HPHA and the United States of America, by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and covers all federal public housing projects and programs. Additionally, HUD has a Declaration of Trust over the properties which prohibits the HPHA from encumbering the property without the prior approval of the HPHA Board of Directors and HUD.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Committee with the HPHA's testimony. We thank you very much for your dedicated support.