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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of
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Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

April 14, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 423

In consideration of

S.C.R. 178 SD1

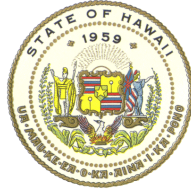
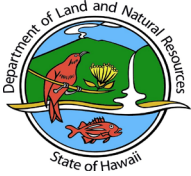
**REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, IN
CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION AND
THE ISLAND BURIAL COUNCILS, TO CONTRACT REVIEW OF PROPOSED
AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS TO THIRD PARTY CONSULTANTS.**

HHFDC *offers comments* on S.C.R. 178 SD1. This resolution requests that DLNR's SHPD contract its review of certain projects to eligible third-party consultants if they involve the development of affordable housing and SHPD cannot provide written concurrence or non-concurrence within sixty days.

SHPD's engagement of third-party contractors could serve to help expedite the review process so that more affordable housing units can be produced in a timely manner.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
HOUSING**

**Thursday, April 14, 2022
10:00 AM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 423 & Videoconference

**In consideration of
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 178, SENATE DRAFT 1
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, IN
CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION AND
THE ISLAND BURIAL COUNCILS, TO CONTRACT REVIEW OF PROPOSED
AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS TO THIRD PARTY CONSULTANTS.**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 178 Senate Draft 1 requests the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department), through the State Historic Preservation Division and in consultation with the various Island Burial Councils, to contract review of proposed affordable housing projects to qualified third-party consultants when necessary to expedite review of affordable housing developments providing that at least 80% of the units will be affordable. The Department appreciates the intent of this resolution and offers comments.

The Department recognizes Hawaii's housing crisis and the need to expedite the development and delivery of additional housing units, especially low income and affordable units. The Department also recognizes that expediting the various review processes established by Chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, may be helpful in accelerating development of affordable housing. The Department is actively working on a number of improvements that will expedite these reviews, some of which are included in draft legislation some of which are already under consideration by the Legislature during the current session. The Department will continue to explore other changes and improvements to expedite review procedures while still ensuring proper protection of Hawaii's significant historic properties, and propose legislative measures to expedite reviews as necessary.

The Department believes that this resolution is well intended but notes that in the absence of funds it will be impossible to contract with third-party consultant. Neither the Department nor the State Historic Preservation Division has funds to enter into such contracts. Funding for such contracts is not included in the Governor's budget request for the coming fiscal year.

SUZANNE D. CASE
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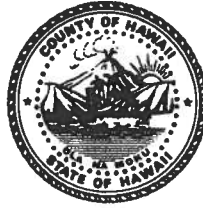
Accordingly, if Senate Concurrent Resolution 178, Senate Draft 1 is adopted, the Department would be directed to enter into contracts that it would be impossible to fund.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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Senator Stanley Chang, Chair
Senator Dru Mamo Kanuha, Vice-Chair
Committee on Housing

RE: Comments on S.C.R. 178 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION AND THE ISLAND BURIAL COUNCILS, TO CONTRACT THE REVIEW OF PROPOSED AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS TO THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANTS.

Hearing Date: Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

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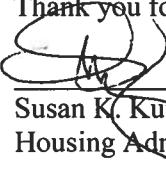
Aloha Chair Chang, Vice-Chair Kanuha, and Housing Committee members,

I am providing my comments for S.C.R. 178 for fiscal year 2022-2023 which will request the Department of Land and Natural Resources, in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) and the Island Burial Councils, to contract the review of proposed affordable housing projects to third-party consultants.

SHPD's engagement of third-party contractors could serve to help expedite the review process so that more affordable housing units can be produced in a timely manner. I support the intention of this resolution and hope that funding is provided in order for the work to be carried out.

Your consideration of this resolution is sincerely appreciated. Please feel free to contact me for any additional information.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Susan K. Kunz
Housing Administrator

