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TESTIMONY BY LUIS P. SALAVERIA
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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 679

February 10, 2023
9:30 a.m.
Room 312 and Videoconference

RELATING TO STATE FUNDS

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) supports the intent of this bill.

House Bill (H.B.) No. 679 amends Act 236, SLH 2022, by delaying the expenditure or encumbrance of the \$300,000,000 in general funds appropriated for deposit into the Rental Housing Revolving Fund until July 1, 2023, or thereafter.

Although this bill assists the State in satisfying its American Rescue Plan Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief fund maintenance-of-effort obligations, B&F would recommend passage of H.B. No. 1018 which delays a greater number of "big-ticket" appropriations and has a more significant impact.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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In consideration of
H.B. 679
RELATING TO STATE FUNDS.

HHFDC ***strongly supports*** H.B. 679, as the passage of this bill is critical to HHFDC's ability to fund the Rental Housing Revolving Fund (RHRF) financing award commitments and keep the pipeline for affordable housing flowing.

Last September, HHFDC received conditional approval from Governor Ige in connection with its request to allot, release, and expend the \$300 million appropriation of general funds for the RHRF infusion under Act 236, SLH 2022 with the condition that the expenditure of the general funds be made after June 30, 2023. The condition was imposed as a result of the State's need to comply with the maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements under the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) pursuant to the provisions of the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), which requires State general fund expenditures to be carefully monitored to limit expenditures that may disrupt the State's MOE calculations.

As a result, HHFDC is prohibited to expend the allotment from the general funds until after the current lapse date of June 30, 2023. This bill extends the lapse date to the following fiscal year to allow for the expenditure of general funds into the RHRF to fulfill its financing award commitments.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.