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IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO:

Statement of DENISE ISERI-MATSUBARA

Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

March 21, 2023 at 1:10 p.m. State Capitol, Room 225

In consideration of

S.C.R. 212/ S.R. 203 URGING THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES TO CREATE A PATHWAY TO CREATING A

TO ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES TO CREATE A PATHWAY TO CREATING A PROCESS UNDER SECTION 201H-38, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, FOR HOUSING PROJECTS THAT ARE EXCLUSIVELY AVAILABLE TO HAWAII RESIDENTS WHO WOULD BE OWNER- OR RENTER-OCCUPANTS AND WHO OWN NO OTHER REAL PROPERTY.

HHFDC has the following concerns with S.C.R. 212/ S.R. 203.

HHFDC is unable to create a pathway in our administrative rules for housing projects exclusively for Hawaii residents who will be owner/renter occupants, and who own no other real property in 201H-38, HRS. Such provisions would conflict with the definition of "Qualified Resident" as set forth in 201H-32, HRS. Amendments to 201H-32, HRS would be necessary before we could adopt administrative rules for the proposed pathways.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.