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The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President and Members of the Senate Thirty-Second State Legislature State Capitol, Room 409 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 The Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature State Capitol, Room 431 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, I am transmitting a copy of the Report to the Legislature pursuant to Act 92, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023. Act 92 requires the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to submit a report regarding the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund Equity Pilot Program. In accordance with Section 93-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, I am also informing you that the report may be viewed electronically at: <u>http://dbedt.hawaii.gov/overview/annual-reports-reports-to-the-legislature/</u>.

Sincerely nane Tokioka

Enclosure

c: Legislative Reference Bureau

Report to the 2024 Hawai'i State Legislature:

Pursuant to Act 92, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2023, Relating to the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund.

Prepared by: Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism



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Act 92, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023 (Act 92), authorized the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) to establish a five-year Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund (DURF) Equity Pilot Program (the Program), which shall be funded by DURF, to address the high, unmet demand of for-sale units by Hawaii residents.

Section 2(e) of Act 92 provides that HHFDC may establish criteria for the prioritization of eligible buyers based on State goals and policies and submit a report on these criteria to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2024. Section 2(f) of Act 92 requires HHFDC to submit interim reports on the Program to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Sessions of 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027. This report satisfies those requirements.

Following Act 92's enactment, HHFDC staff worked with stakeholders to draft administrative rules for the Program, which include criteria for the prioritization of eligible buyers based on State goals and policies. HHFDC's Board of Directors approved the proposed administrative rules at its October 2023 regular meeting, and a public hearing on the rules was held on November 21, 2023. At the time of this report, staff is finalizing the rules for submittal to the Governor.