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Statement of  
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before the  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Wednesday, February 28, 2024  
12:00 p.m.  
VIA Videoconference, State Capitol, Conference Room 308

In consideration of  
**HB 2361, HD1**  
**RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.**

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and members of the Committee. The Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) supports HB 2361, HD1, that authorizes the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA) to render services to and assist state and county agencies upon request.

As stated in the HCDA 2022 Strategic Plan, HCDA experience and expertise in high intensity mixed-use development created a niche for it to assist other agencies such as DLNR, DAGS, HHFDC, and HPHA for mixed-use development.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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HCDA recognizes that state agencies have a need for additional infrastructure or facilities to effectively implement their legislative mandate and would like to utilize its experience and knowledge in master planning communities, infrastructure development and improvement, and project management to assist other state and county agencies on projects within and outside of designated community development districts.

This is a housekeeping measure of HCDA assisting other agencies.

HCDA will be assisting the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DCR) in expanding its existing kitchen facilities at the Women's Community Correctional Center to accommodate a culinary program, in partnership with the Kapiolani Community College, in an effort to reduce recidivism.

HCDA also assisted the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) in preparing a preliminary site assessment and strategic market outlook study for the Waiākea Peninsula, also known as Banyan Drive in Hilo.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.