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### Statement of **DEAN MINAKAMI**

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Before the

### **HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE**

Tuesday, April 02, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.  
State Capitol, Room 329

In consideration of  
**HCR 100**

### **ENCOURAGING DEVELOPERS TO INCORPORATE NET ZERO WATER BUILDING STRATEGIES WHEN CONSTRUCTING AND RENOVATING HOUSING PROJECTS IN THE STATE.**

Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama, and members of the Committee.

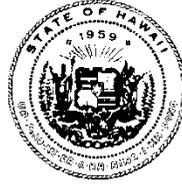
HHFDC **supports the intent** of HCR 100.

HHFDC recognizes that housing development can play a part in ensuring the health of the State's freshwater resources. As an example, HHFDC's Qualified Allocation Plan, which establishes criteria for financing affordable rental housing projects, already provides additional points for water conservation and green building features.

We believe that the intent of this resolution can best be implemented by the county water departments by offering incentives to housing developments that incorporate conservation measures.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this resolution.

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Statement of  
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Honorable Chair Nakashima, and members of the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 100.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) **supports the intent** of HCR 100 which encourages developers to incorporate net zero water building strategies when constructing and renovating housing projects in the state.

The HPHA stands ready to assist the Legislature in this endeavor which looks to reduce the impact on aquifers, reduce pollution run-off and conserve our water resources. Please know that the HPHA is very supportive of conserving our water resources and recently entered into a Memorandum Of Agreement with the Honolulu Board of Water Supply to work on a pilot program to find ways to reduce water consumption at Kamehameha Homes public housing property.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Committee with the HPHA's testimony. We thank you very much for your dedicated support.



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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE  
Tuesday, April 2, 2024 — 2:00 p.m.

**Ulupono Initiative supports HCR 100, Encouraging Developers to Incorporate Net Zero Water Building Strategies when Constructing and Renovating Housing Projects in the State.**

Dear Chair Nakashima and Members of the Committee:

My name is Micah Munekata, and I am the Director of Government Affairs at Ulupono Initiative. We are a Hawai'i-focused impact investment firm that strives to improve the quality of life throughout the islands by helping our communities become more resilient and self-sufficient through locally produced food, renewable energy and clean transportation choices, and better management of freshwater resources.

**Ulupono supports HCR 100**, which encourages developers to incorporate net zero water building strategies when constructing and renovating housing projects in the State.

According to the Aloha+ Challenge dashboard, the average amount of water used in Hawai'i is 164 gallons per person per day. This is almost double the national average of 84 gallons. Despite adopting plumbing codes that require the installation of water efficient fixtures for new construction, water use on O'ahu remains at approximately 146 gallons per person per day. In addition, the water pumped from potable aquifers in urban Honolulu continues to exceed what is estimated to be sustainable.

Encouraging the implementation of net zero water building strategies will call attention to solutions such as stormwater water reclamation, on-site water treatment, and green infrastructure to address the ever-increasing demands on our freshwater resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Micah Munekata  
Director of Government Affairs

*Investing in a Sustainable Hawai'i*