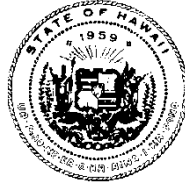


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Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

April 10, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 312

In consideration of
SCR 226

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COUNTY OF MAUI, TO PROVIDE A CLEAR STRATEGY FOR ADDRESSING THE SHORT AND LONG-TERM HOUSING NEEDS FOR RESIDENTS DISPLACED BY THE AUGUST 2023 MAUI WILDFIRES.

Chair Evslin, Vice Chair Aiu, and members of the Committee:

HHFDC **supports** SCR 226 and its call for a clear housing strategy in response to the August 2023 Maui wildfires.

As noted in the resolution, the Governor has identified multiple HHFDC sites for housing development to assist survivors of the wildfires. HHFDC has already begun predevelopment activities for the Front Street Apartments site in Lahaina for use as permanent housing. Last month, we closed on the acquisition of the Haggai International Institute in Kihei for temporary and permanent housing uses. HHFDC also leads the State's Housing Recovery Support Function and in this role collaborates with other Federal, State and County agencies on recovery efforts.

SB 2836 SD2 HD2 establishes an Interagency Council for Maui Housing Recovery, which would complement the efforts of the Governor and the County of Maui to establish a housing strategy.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this resolution.

SCR-226

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Testimony for HSG on 4/10/2024 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lois Crozer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Yes, I think you should think hard how you will be getting our residents into stable housing. What is the percentage of these people who came to Maui to work in the hotels? Are you looking into workforce housing? Shouldn't the hotels be subsidizing housing for their workers? Don't take away the right of our local residents to rent out portions of their housing if the owner lives on the property. Don't unfairly take from one to give to the other. Make clear rules and build affordable housing. We need to get off our dependence on tourism or manage it better.