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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 227, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021 and Section 201H-206, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Act 227 requires the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to submit a report describing the projects funded using moneys from the Affordable Homeownership Revolving Fund 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,

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Enclosure

c: Legislative Reference Bureau

Report to the 2024 Hawai'i State Legislature:

Pursuant to Section 201H-206, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Relating to the Affordable Homeownership Revolving Fund.

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



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Section 201H-206, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, requires the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) to "submit a report to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session describing the projects funded using moneys from the affordable homeownership revolving fund." This report satisfies that requirement.

To date, the Affordable Homeownership Revolving Fund (AHRF) has not funded any projects.

Act 227, Session Laws of Hawai'i (SLH) 2021, appropriated \$1,000,000 of American Rescue Plan Act funds that were not released by the Department of Budget and Finance and lapsed pursuant to Act 314, SLH 2022. The Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2022 appropriated \$5,000,000 of general funds for the purposes of the program. Act 93, SLH 2023 clarified that those funds are to be deposited into and expended from AHRF, where program loans can revolve after being repaid in order to fund future loans. Proposed administrative rules for the AHRF Program failed to get the support of the community at the public hearing on the rules held in November 2022. Revised proposed rules were met with community support at a public hearing held in October 2023. The Governor signed the administrative rules on November 17, 2023, and they became effective ten days later.

HHFDC anticipates making its first AHRF Program awards in Summer 2024.