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Statement of
MARY ALICE EVANS, Interim Director

before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
Monday, February 26, 2024
12:30 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

in consideration of
BILL NO HB2292
RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

Chair Yamashita, Vice Chair Kitagawa, and Members of the House Committee on Finance:

The Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) **supports** HB2292, which proposes to appropriate funds to the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) for the establishment and hiring of an unspecified number of project management III positions to aid in the development of affordable housing options in the State.

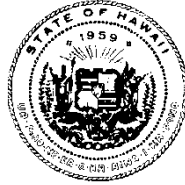
The State's dire housing needs are well-established, and there are scores of projects in planning, design and development to address those needs. Many of these large-scale projects are on State and County lands, and will include complex development, construction, finance, and management strategies, due to the ownership and management structures required for mixed-use development and a combination of affordable and market rate housing, both rental and for-sale.

Some of these projects will be developed directly by HHFDC, while others will need financing assistance. To meet the State's ambitious housing production goals, it is critical for HHFDC to have the finance and development staffing required to support the anticipated scale of development.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Statement of
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Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

February 26, 2024 at 12:30 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 308

In consideration of
H.B. 2292 HD1
RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

HHFDC **supports** HB 2292 HD1, which appropriates funds to HHFDC for the establishment and hiring of one Project Management III position to aid in the development of affordable housing options in the state.

HHFDC appreciates the Legislature's ongoing support for our housing development programs and requests that the following be incorporated into the bill for consideration at the next committee hearing:

- Clarification of the position title as "Project Manager III."
- An appropriation amount of \$237,992, representing an annual salary of \$145,117 plus fringe.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.