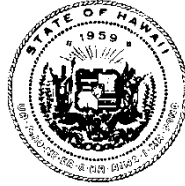


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Statement of DEAN MINAKAMI

Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation
Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

March 14, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 430

In consideration of

S.B. 378

RELATING TO THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

Chair Evslin, Vice Chair Miyake, and members of the Committee.

HHFDC supports SB 378, which establishes a working group within the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) to identify existing mixed-use developments in Maui County that could be acquired by HHFDC for use as affordable housing and commercial rental leases. It also requires a report to the Legislature.

We believe that this proposal has the potential to expand the supply of affordable housing within mixed-use developments in Maui County.

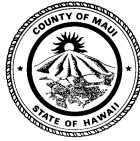
Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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March 13, 2025

TO: The Honorable Luke A. Evslin, Chair
House Committee on Housing

FROM: Alice L. Lee
Council Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alice L. Lee", is written over the printed name and title.

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 14, 2025; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB378,
RELATING TO THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION**

I **support** this measure to establish a working group within the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation to identify mixed-use developments in Maui County that could be acquired for affordable housing and commercial rental leases.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I **support** this measure for the following reasons:

1. Following the 2023 Maui wildfires, there is an urgent need to develop housing in Maui County to ensure an adequate housing inventory for displaced residents and the broader community.
2. Mixed-use developments allow residents to live near where they work and access essential services, helping to create vibrant, sustainable communities while reducing traffic congestion.
3. Establishing a working group ensures a coordinated approach to identifying viable properties, maximizing efficiency in housing development efforts, and leveraging State resources.

Thank you for your consideration.



MAUI
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**HEARING BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
HAWAII STATE CAPITOL, HOUSE CONFERENCE ROOM 430
Friday, March 14, 2025 AT 9:00 A.M.**

To The Honorable Representative Luke A. Evslin, Chair
The Honorable Representative Tyson K. Miyake, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Housing

**SUPPORT SB378 RELATING TO THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION.**

The Maui Chamber of Commerce strongly **SUPPORTS SB378**, which establishes a working group to identify existing mixed-use developments in Maui County that could be repurposed for affordable housing and commercial rental leases.

The Chamber recognizes the critical need for more housing and understands that many individuals prefer to live close to their workplaces, making mixed-use developments a mutually beneficial solution.

Given the ongoing housing crisis, the Chamber stresses the importance of assigning a clear timeline to the working group and ensuring that their efforts proceed without delay.

In light of the severe housing shortage in both the State and Maui County, we fully support measures that promote, rather than hinder, the development of housing for our residents.

For these reasons we **SUPPORT SB378** and respectfully request its passage.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap
President

To advance and promote a healthy economic environment for business, advocating for a responsive government and quality education, while preserving Maui's unique community characteristics.