

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR

SYLVIA LUKE
LT. GOVERNOR



DEAN MINAKAMI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

STATE OF HAWAII

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

677 QUEEN STREET, SUITE 300

HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

FAX: (808) 587-0600

Statement of

DEAN MINAKAMI

Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation
Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

March 03, 2026 at 10:17 a.m.

State Capitol, Room 211

In consideration of

SENATE BILL 2177 SENATE DRAFT 1 RELATING TO HOUSING.

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and members of the Committee.

HHFDC **supports** Senate Bill 2177 Senate Draft 1, which seeks to clarify and streamline the procedures applicable to housing projects requesting exemptions under Section 201H-38.

Senate Draft 1 improves upon the original bill by introducing clearer timelines, distinguishing between HHFDC and county responsibilities, and reinforcing procedural consistency across agencies. These changes support our shared goal of expediting affordable housing while maintaining necessary safeguards for health, safety, and orderly development.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.