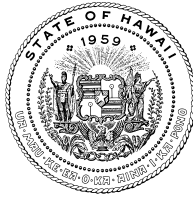


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### **SENATE BILL 2177 SENATE DRAFT 2 RELATING TO HOUSING.**

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

HHFDC **supports** Senate Bill 2177 Senate Draft 2, 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.