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Statement of  
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before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

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in consideration of  
**SB 3187**  
**RELATING TO OFF-SITE CONSTRUCTION.**

Chair Fukunaga, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs.

The Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) **offers the following comments on SB 3187**, which implements certain recommendations of the SPEED Task Force by establishing and appropriating funds for a working group within the State Building Code Council to develop proposals for an off-site construction program.

SB 3187 is a direct outcome of the Building Permit (BP) Permitted Interaction Group (PIG), which operated under the State's Simplifying Permitting for Enhanced Economic Development (SPEED) Task Force. We would like to recognize the dedication and hard work of the taskforce members, whose collaborative efforts have successfully identified innovative solutions to streamline development and remove systemic barriers that have long hindered the growth of our housing inventory.

Throughout discussions in the BP PIG, there was overwhelming support among stakeholders to explore the potential of off-site construction as a critical tool to address Hawai'i's ongoing housing crisis. By leveraging modular and prefabricated construction methods, the State can significantly reduce build times and lower costs, providing a necessary pathway to deliver units at the scale and speed required by our residents. The development of a formal off-site construction program is notably aligned with the Governor's current housing initiatives, which prioritize substantial, efficient actions to increase supply and ensure that Hawaiian families have access to affordable housing.

OPSD believes that a working group is an ideal mechanism for developing the specific proposals and regulatory frameworks needed for a successful off-site construction program. This approach ensures that we move forward in a sensible, well-planned, and deliberate manner, allowing for the thorough vetting of safety standards, labor considerations, and logistical

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requirements unique to our island geography. **OPSD stands ready to participate in this working group** and looks forward to collaborating with our partners to turn this potential into a reality.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on this measure.

**SB-3187**

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