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10:10 a.m.
State Capitol, 430

SCR110, SD1
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, IN COORDINATION WITH THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING STATE-OWNED OR STATE-CONTROLLED WAREHOUSE AND LOGISTICS FACILITIES NEAR PORTS, HARBORS, AND AIRPORTS TO REDUCE MATERIAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PUBLICLY FINANCED HOUSING PROJECTS.

House Committees on Transportation and Housing

The Department of Transportation (HDOT) supports SCR110, SD1 offers the following comments.

HDOT recognizes the State's need to reduce housing construction costs and acknowledges the role that transportation, storage, and logistics play in overall project delivery. The proposal to improve supply chain coordination and explore material staging near ports, harbors, and airports warrants further evaluation.

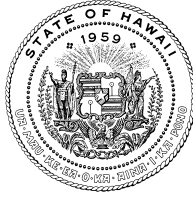
HDOT can provide technical guidance on site availability, access, and logistical considerations for state-owned lands within its jurisdiction. However, the Department's role is limited to identifying suitable lands proximate to transportation facilities. Items (2) through (8) identified in the resolution, which address cost analysis, procurement, financing, and statutory considerations, fall outside HDOT's expertise. Accordingly, HDOT recommends that the working group be chaired by an agency or entity with subject matter expertise in these areas, with HDOT participating in an advisory capacity.

HDOT also notes that airport and harbor lands are limited, highly regulated, and often revenue-generating, which may constrain their availability for alternative uses. Potential impacts on existing private sector logistics providers should also be carefully considered.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

AND

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

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In consideration of

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 110, SENATE DRAFT 1
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PUBLICLY FINANCED HOUSING PROJECTS.**

Chairs Kila and Evslin, Vice Chairs Miyake and Miyake, and members of the Committee.

HHFDC **supports** Senate Concurrent Resolution 110 SD1, which requests that the Department of Transportation (DOT), in coordination with HHFDC, convene a working group to evaluate the feasibility of establishing state-owned or state-controlled warehouse and logistics facilities near ports, harbors, and airports for the purpose of reducing construction costs for publicly financed housing.

We appreciate the resolution's recognition that construction material costs remain one of the most significant cost drivers in delivering affordable housing across the state. As the State's lead agency for housing finance and development, HHFDC can participate and contribute to the working group and provide its specialized expertise in housing development, including:

1. Analysis of cost drivers for publicly financed housing projects.
2. Insight into procurement and supply chain challenges experienced by developers and lenders.

3. Expertise in financing structures, underwriting considerations, and how material costs impact per-unit development feasibility.
4. Practical perspectives on how supply chain interventions could improve project timelines and reduce risk.

By contributing this housing-specific analysis, HHFDC can help ensure that any logistical or warehousing solutions being considered are aligned with real-world development needs, financing constraints, and the long-term production of affordable housing.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



HAWAII REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

April 15, 2026

TO: The Honorable Darius K. Kila, Chair
The Honorable Luke A. Evslin, Chair
The Honorable Tyson K. Miyake, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committees on Housing and on Transportation

RE: TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SCR110 SD1

Aloha Chair Kila, Chair Evslin, Vice Chair Miyake, and Members of the Committees:

The Hawai'i Regional Council of Carpenters (HRCC), representing over 6,000 skilled union carpenters and tradespeople across the islands, respectfully submits testimony in strong support of SCR110 SD1.

As the resolution states, material costs continue to be a major driver of Hawai'i's severe housing shortage and high construction costs. Our members see firsthand how these pressures impact projects across the state. Hawai'i's geographic isolation and reliance on imported building materials increase transportation, storage, and handling costs, further driving up the cost of publicly financed housing projects.

SCR110 takes a thoughtful and practical step by requesting the Department of Transportation to convene a working group to evaluate centralized warehouse and logistics facilities near ports, harbors, and airports. By exploring opportunities for bulk purchasing, improved supply chain coordination, and material staging, this effort has the potential to reduce delays, stabilize material costs, and improve efficiency across publicly financed housing developments.

This approach recognizes that addressing Hawai'i's housing crisis requires not only financing and policy solutions, but also improvements to how materials are sourced, stored, and delivered. A coordinated logistics strategy can help lower per-unit construction costs, making affordable housing projects more feasible and scalable across the state.

Equally important, the resolution appropriately calls for collaboration among state agencies, housing developers, contractors, labor representatives, and industry stakeholders to evaluate feasibility, governance, and potential funding mechanisms. This inclusive approach will help ensure that any proposed solution is practical, cost-effective, and aligned with the needs of both the construction industry and the communities we serve.

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For these reasons, HRCC respectfully urges the Committee to adopt SCR110 SD1. We stand ready to participate in this effort and support solutions that reduce construction costs, strengthen the housing pipeline, and create more opportunities for local workers.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.



LATE Testimony submitted late may not be considered by the Committee for decision making purposes.

Iron Workers Stabilization Fund

T. George Paris
Managing Director

April 15, 2026

TO: Chair Kila, Vice, and Members of the House Committees on Transportation and Housing

RE: SCR 110 SD1, Requesting the convening of a working group to evaluate establishing state-owned warehouse and logistics facilities

Aloha Chair Kila, Chair Evslin and Members of the House Committees on Transportation and Housing

The Hawaii Ironworkers Stabilization Fund support the intent and provide **comments and a proposed amendment** regarding SCR 110 SD1

We support the legislature's intent to address the affordable housing crisis and find innovative solutions to stabilize and reduce the high cost of construction materials in Hawaii. Evaluating centralized, state-controlled logistics facilities near our ports is a proactive step toward better supply chain coordination.

However, in reviewing the proposed members of this working group, we note **the resolution currently lacks representation for the construction trades**. Any decisions regarding the bulk purchasing, storage, handling, and staging of construction materials will directly impact the daily operations, workflow, and safety of the workers who are actually building these publicly financed housing projects. It is the skilled tradespeople who will be receiving, transporting, and utilizing these materials on the job sites. Leaving labor out of this logistical planning process creates a blind spot that could lead to operational inefficiencies down the line.

Proposed Amendment:

We request the committee amend SCR 110 SD1 to add the following member to the working group:

- **"The Executive Director of the Hawaii Building and Construction Trades Council**

Including the Hawaii Building and Construction Trades Council ensures that the collective voice and practical expertise of all construction trades are represented at the table. We believe this addition will make the working group's findings and recommendations much stronger and more realistic to implement.

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