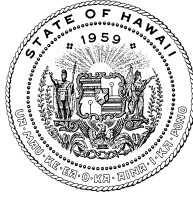


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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 46 / SENATE RESOLUTION 45 SUPPORTING THE USE OF THE DWELLING UNIT REVOLVING FUND TO FUND PREDEVELOPMENT COSTS FOR ANY GOVERNMENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECT THROUGH INTERIM LOANS TO EXPEDITE THE DELIVERY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO HAWAII'S RESIDENTS.

Chair Chang, Vice Chair Hashimoto, and members of the Committee.

HHFDC **supports** Senate Concurrent Resolution 46 / Senate Resolution 45, which expresses the Legislature's support for allowing the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund (DURF) to finance predevelopment costs for any government affordable housing project through interim loans.

As the resolution notes, predevelopment is one of the most critical and most financially risky stages of housing production. Before a project can even move toward construction, government agencies and developers must complete a long list of technical and regulatory tasks, including site analyses, environmental assessments, conceptual and construction drawings, and preparation of permit and financing applications. These steps are essential, but costly, and failure at any point may halt a project entirely.

Traditionally, HHFDC has used DURF predevelopment financing only for projects it directly owns or administers, due to the higher risk of non-recoupment of loans during this early phase.

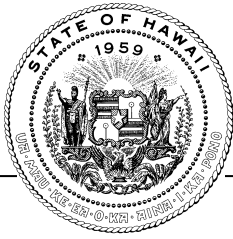
Yet affordable housing developments today depend on a broad network of state, county, and non-profit partners. Many counties, for example, do not have dedicated, flexible funds that can cover predevelopment expenses. This gap results in delays, missed opportunities, and in some cases, the inability to advance promising housing projects at all.

This resolution recognizes that providing interim predevelopment loans through DURF can accelerate the delivery of affordable housing for Hawaii's residents. Expanding DURF usage in this way will:

1. Help government-led projects move from concept to construction readiness more quickly.
2. Increase the feasibility of innovative, infill, and mixed-income affordable housing projects across the state.
3. Strengthen county and state partnerships by ensuring predictable access to early-stage capital.
4. Support the state's broader housing production goals by reducing bottlenecks in the preconstruction phase.

With the support of the legislature, HHFDC is willing to provide predevelopment financing for other government-sponsored affordable housing projects to help advance their initiatives. This way, DURF can serve as a true catalytic tool, rather than only a construction stage program.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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The Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (OPSD) supports SCR 46 and SR 45, which supports the use of the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund (DURF) to fund predevelopment costs for any government affordable housing development project through interim loans to expedite the delivery of affordable housing to Hawaii's residents.

As the State faces an unprecedented shortage of affordable housing, OPSD recognizes that one of the most significant bottlenecks for government-led projects is the lack of early-stage financing. This resolution aligns with current Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) implementation plans, as many state-owned parcels near rail stations require significant early-stage investment to unlock their full-housing potential.

By utilizing DURF to cover essential predevelopment expenses such as environmental assessments, parcel-specific analyses, and permit preparation, the State can ensure that affordable housing projects move through the pipeline with greater speed and predictability. OPSD believes that expanding the use of DURF in this manner is an important step towards meeting our statewide housing production goals and providing much-needed relief to Hawaii's residents.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this resolution.