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The Honorable Esther Kia'āina, Chair
and Members
Committee on Planning and the Economy
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Kia'āina and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Strong Support for Resolution 24-151, Proposed CD1

The Office of Housing (HOU) is in **strong support** of Resolution 24-151, proposed CD1, which authorizes the conveyance of an unused City-owned, Kalaheo property in Kailua to the State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) to create more affordable housing. This conveyance would initiate the establishment of the very first DHHL homestead in Kailua and help address the department's waitlist backlog.

The Kalaheo property was acquired by the City back in 1961. Conveying the land over to DHHL would allow the City to make productive use of this residentially zoned lot that has sat vacant for decades and provides the State with the ability to develop much-needed single-family homes for our residents.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

Very truly yours,

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