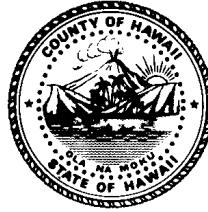


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Senator Stanley Chang, Chair
Senator Dru Mamo Kanuha, Vice Chair
Committee on Housing

Dear Chair Chang, Vice Chair Kanuha, and Committee Members:

RE: HB 2470, HD1 Relating to Housing

There is no question that affordable rental housing is needed throughout Hawai'i County, and HB 2470, HD1 identifies an opportunity in Honokaa, Hawai'i where a 15 acre parcel is already under government control and could well be suitable for such a project.

My understanding is that exact title to the land may be in question, but there was no negative testimony in Finance Committee, so perhaps that issue has already been sorted out. If not, I defer to the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority and HHFDC to help this Committee further amend this bill as needed. Once that is done, I hope you can give HB 2470 your favorable vote and move this project a step closer to realization.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harry Kim
MAYOR