

## HHT Committee

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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 16, 2017 4:17 PM  
**To:** HHT Committee  
**Subject:** Testimony\_Proposed Bill Amending 2.96 Relating to Rental Housing Credits, Unit Restrictions, and Vacancies  
**Attachments:** Written Testimony. HHT-2(1). Brian Moto .pdf

Dear Chair Crivello and Members of the Housing, Human Services, and Transportation Committee:

Attached is my testimony in support of the bill under agenda item HHT-2(1) that would help promote the development of new low-income rental housing for the needy.

Sincerely,  
Brian T. Moto  
Chair, Catholic Charities Hawaii Maui Advisory Board  
and Member, Catholic Charities Hawaii Board of Directors

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Stacy Crivello, Chair,  
and Members of the Housing, Human Services, and Transportation Committee  
200 South High Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Re: Amendments to the Residential Workforce Housing Policy (Proposed Amendments Relating to Credits, Restrictions for Rental Units, and Vacancy in a Residential Workforce Housing Unit) (HHT-2(1))

Dear Chair Crivello and Members of the Committee:

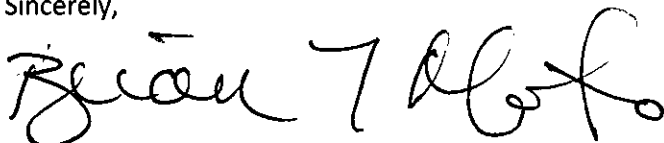
As Chair of the Maui Advisory Board of Catholic Charities Hawai'i, I write in support of the bill to amend the Residential Workforce Housing Policy to promote the development of new low-income rental housing for the needy. I also write in support of the revisions proposed by Mr. Gary Furuta, Project Manager for Catholic Charities Housing Development Corporation (CCHDC), as discussed in his testimony to the Committee.

The story of Catholic Charities begins in the 1940s, when three Maryknoll Sisters began an important mission of outreach and service to orphans, immigrants, plantation workers, and the poor. Today Catholic Charities Hawai'i is a statewide nonprofit committed to serving all in need without regard to creed, religion, or background.

As you are probably aware, CCHDC seeks to develop Kahului Lani, a 165-unit affordable rental project for low and very low-income seniors. Kahului Lani is CCH's largest and most significant effort at addressing affordable senior housing needs on a neighbor island. Residents of Kahului Lani will live in modern, safe affordable housing and have access to onsite social services provided by Catholic Charities.

Your passage of the proposed bill will help make this project possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian T. Moto". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brian T. Moto  
Chair, CCH Maui Advisory Board,  
and Member, CCH Board of Directors