

EDB Committee

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Subject: In support of AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET: AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND (HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, AFFORDABLE HANA HOUSING PROJECT) (EDB-52)

I support AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET: AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND (HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, AFFORDABLE HANA HOUSING PROJECT) (EDB-52) to give Habitat for Humanity the full amount they are requesting to develop 25 affordable homes in Hana.

The Hana community is underserved in regard to affordable housing projects. The lack of new housing in Hana has let multi-generational cohabitation become the norm, often with more than 2 generations in one house. Additionally, construction costs more in Hana due to the difficulty and time in getting materials and skilled labor there. Concrete costs 2 to 3 times as much in Hana as it does in the central valley due to the cost of hauling and limited demand.

Habitat for Humanity is the best option to get Hana locals into homes they will eventually own. Any reduction in funding will only make it harder for Habitat to complete the entire project.

Respectfully,

Gabriel Hoeffken