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STATEMENT OF  
**AEDWARD LOS BANOS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
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BEFORE THE  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

Monday, April 1, 2019  
10:20 A.M.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

in consideration of

**SCR 61**  
**REQUESTING THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
**AUTHORITY TO STUDY PROPERTIES IN OR AROUND KAKAOKO**  
**AND RECOMMEND APPROPRIATE SITES FOR A FIRE STATION.**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the  
Committee.

The Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) respectfully  
offers comments on SCR 61.

HCDA is grateful for the Honolulu Fire Department and all first responders  
for their service. If the Fire Department recommends that there be a new fire  
station in Kakaako, HCDA is supportive of their recommendations.

One well located fire station can provide more effective emergency  
response than several poorly located stations. Thus, with all due respect the  
Honolulu Fire Department has the expertise and is better qualified than HCDA to  
study and make a recommendation for a fire station location, in Kakaako.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on SCR 61.