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The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable Ron Menor, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing
State Capitol, Room 225
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: SCR 107 Urging the County Councils to Assist Low-Income Homeowners
SR 63 Urging the County Councils to Assist Low-Income Homeowners

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Aloha Chair Ige, Chair Menor, and Members of the Committees:

On behalf of our 9,400 members in Hawaii, the Hawaii Association of REALTORS® (HAR) supports SCR 107 and SR 63 – urging the county councils to assist low-income homeowners.

Real property values climbed with the median sales price for single-family homes and condominiums. Retired seniors on fixed incomes and working residents in low- to middle-income earning brackets are having financial difficulties in the sharp rise in their property taxes.

HAR supports mechanisms to assist low-income homeowners with their property taxes. Our six local boards, Honolulu Board of REALTORS®, REALTORS® Association of Maui, Kauai Board of REALTORS, Hawaii Island Board of REALTORS®, Kona Board of REALTORS®, and Molokai Board of REALTORS, have all been working diligently with county councils on providing effective property tax relief.

Mahalo for your consideration of our testimony.

Sincerely,

Mary Begier
Subcommittee on Business
HAR Legislative Committee



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