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Speaker Registration/Testimony

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Aloha,

My name is Brandon Hardin. I am an '07 Kamehameha graduate, Oregon State University graduate and former NFL player. Most importantly, I am a Hawaiian born and raised local boy that has a passion to help. I started Tiny Pacific Houses with the goal of tackling two interlocking issues that have run all over my home state: the lack of affordable housing and the homeless crisis.

A large number of my Kamehameha classmates have yet to return home after graduating from college or are moving to the mainland. The leaders and shakers of the my generation simply cannot afford to live in Hawaii and will continue to leave the state to find more affordable living elsewhere – after all, most are just a paycheck away from homelessness themselves. Hawaii needs our innovative and hopeful millennial generation to return home and spur uncommon ideas to fight one of Hawaii's most common problems.

Tiny Pacific Houses is ready to ship units to the whole state and can accommodate the urgency needed to address the homeless crisis. My builder's facility (a component company of Berkshire Hathaway) has the capacity to produce 400 units a year with the delivery time of as little as 8 weeks. Our Tiny Houses have the appeal of small cottages, can have all the necessary utilities on or off the grid, and are 8.5' wide by 18'-28' long. We have responded to the C&C of Honolulu's Sand Island RFP for modular units and have worked on family units for a similar RFP.

I am encouraged that Director Atta has started the conversation for "Tiny Structures on wheels". I hope that Tiny Houses will be included in Bill 20's ADU goals, as well as assisting homeless families and not just the individuals.

We as a state, community and 'ohana still have many obstacles ahead of us. I encourage everyone in attendance to research the Tiny House movement and see how it is shaping up to be the next big thing to aid in the affordable housing and homeless crisis.

Mahalo,

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