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To: The Honolulu City and County Council Committee on Housing and Zoning

Re: Bill 58 CD1 – Comments
Thursday, June 29 2017, 9AM – Committee Meeting Room

YWCA O'ahu's mission is to empower women and girls and end racism. Our programs empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support and the development tools to help women thrive in work and in life.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on Bill 58 CD1. We recognize the urgent need our city and county has for affordable housing and encourage development to meet that need. We must also be mindful of the needs of our low-income residents; those who are working tirelessly to make ends meet.

We support the suggested amendments of Bill 58 CD1.

- Removing the payment of an in-lieu fee to satisfy affordable housing
- Removing the reference to the phasing in of the affordable housing requirement based on geographical area
- Clarifying the language to reflect that all units must remain affordable for 30 years

We would encourage the development of affordable housing at 60% AMI, as the projected need for rental units at this level are the greatest.¹

Thank you for your commitment to development and housing that supports all our residents.

Thank you for opportunity to provide comments.

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¹ Hawaii Housing Planning Study (2016), Table 27B,
https://dbedt.hawaii.gov/hhfdc/files/2017/03/State_HHPS2016_Report_031317_final.pdf

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