

August 30, 2024

MEMO TO: David Raatz, Director of Council Services

F R O M: Ellen McKinley, Legislative Analyst *EBM*

SUBJECT: **WEBINAR ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING** (PAF 23-021(39))

On August 29, 2024, I attended an American Planning Association, Hawai'i Chapter, webinar entitled "Updates on Affordable Housing Projects in Hawai'i." The program featured Lindsay Apperson, Housing Policy Specialist, Office of Governor Josh Green, M.D.

Ms. Apperson is involved in creating an affordable-housing dashboard, providing a centralized website for the public to obtain information and track any of the more than 200 projects in the pipeline statewide. The current projects will provide over 60,000 units.

The dashboard should be ready for use by the end of the year. It will contain data on projects' total number of units, public financing, project location, affordability period, units by average median income, stage of development, major milestones, permit information, project costs, and more.

In addition, Ms. Apperson highlighted 2024 legislative landmarks on affordable housing, including more than \$250 million in appropriations. New statutes include:

- Act 17, clarifying the counties' authority to phase out transient accommodations in zoning districts;
- Act 35, expanding counties' authority to finance housing projects, including through "bond recycling;"
- Act 37, requiring counties to enact ordinances on adaptive reuse of commercial buildings; and
- Act 39, requiring counties to allow more accessory-dwelling units.

Thank you for the opportunity to attend this webinar. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact me at ext. 7661.

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cc: Deputy Director of Council Services