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**FUNDS AVAILABLE TO ASSIST PINEAPPLE
WORKERS AND RETIREES**

HONOLULU – The Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) is making applications available to assist former Del Monte Fresh Produce workers and retirees in danger of losing their homes.

Eligible applicants must have been employed by Del Monte Fresh Produce on the date of the announcement of closure on February 1, 2006, or retired from Del Monte Fresh Produce. Applicants must demonstrate that they are presently delinquent on first home mortgages or rent payments, or can demonstrate that their mortgage or rent exceeds 30 percent of their gross household income.

Only one program assistance grant shall be made per eligible household and shall not exceed \$1,000 per month for a period not to exceed six months, or a total maximum of \$6,000.

An informational meeting will be held on Sunday, April 20, 2008 at Kunia Gym 1:00 pm. Applications are available at the following locations:

Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation, 677 Queen Street, Suite 300,
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 142 (ILWU), 451 Atkinson Drive, Honolulu,
Hawai'i 96814

Del Monte Fresh Produce Hawai'i, Inc., 92-1770 Kunia Road, Kunia, Hawai'i 96759

In 2007, the State enacted Act 203 in response to the adverse effect on pineapple workers resulting from the closure of Del Monte Fresh Produce. Act 203 recognized that many displaced former employees and retirees faced the possibility of losing their homes and established a pineapple workers and retirees housing assistance fund to help eligible homeowners keep up with their mortgage payments and provide rental subsidies.

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