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TESTIMONY OF LEIMOMI KHAN, PRESIDENT
IN SUPPORT OF

**HCR 332 AND HR 251, REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME
LANDS TO REVISE ITS PRESENT POLICIES ON MATTERS OF SUCCESSORSHIP**

COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Representative Mele Carroll, Chair
Representative Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 17, 2010, 10:00 a.m., Conference Room 329

Aloha Chairperson Carroll, Vice Chairperson Shimabukuro, and members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HCR 332 and HR 251, Requesting the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to Revise Its Present Policies on Matters of Successorship.

At our annual convention last year, the Waimea HCC introduced a similar resolution, and did so as the result of discussions among its membership that includes Native Hawaiians living on Hawaiian Home Lands. Concern was expressed about the ability of families to pass on to their children and grandchildren successorship to the lands on which they lived because of the diminishing blood quantum caused by intermarriages between Native Hawaiians and non-qualified spouses.

After much discussion, delegates to the convention approved resolution 09-L70, Requesting the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs to Urge Its Membership to Favorably Support Requesting the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to Revise Its Present Policies on Matters of Successorship. A copy of the resolution was provided to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and to key members of the legislature.

We are aware that the DHHL is reviewing its Administrative Rules so the timing of passage of this resolution is good. Accordingly, we urge passage of HCR 332 and HR 251.

About the AHCC

The Association is a growing national confederation of fifty-eight Hawaiian Civic Clubs, located throughout the State of Hawai'i and in the States of Alaska, California, Colorado, Illinois, Nevada, Utah, Virginia, Washington State, Tennessee, and Texas. It initiates and works to support actions that enhance the civic, economic, educational, health and social welfare of our communities, and in particular, the culture and welfare of the Native Hawaiian community.