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LATE TESTIMONY

COMMENTS PROVIDED BY KAULANA H. R. PARK, CHAIRMAN
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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

ON HCR332/ HR251, REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO
REVISE ITS PRESENT POLICIES ON MATTERS OF SUCCESSORSHIP

March 17, 2010

Chair Carroll, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands understands the intent of HCR332/ HR251 and likewise understands the interests and concerns of our beneficiaries who would like to succeed their leases to direct descendants who are not at least 25% Native Hawaiian.

This type of amendment to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act would first require sufficient consultation with all beneficiaries, including our lessees and applicants. Our consultation process ensures that beneficiaries determine the best solution for this issue.

Further, this type of amendment requires approval by the Hawaii State Legislature and will likely require congressional consent. We request the opportunity to conduct our consultation before the legislature advances this type of legislation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.