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TESTIMONY OF KAULANA H. R. PARK, CHAIRMAN
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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON WATER, LAND AND OCEAN RESOURCES &
HOUSING
ON **SB 2408 SD 2 - RELATING TO HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

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Chair Ito, Chair Cabanilla and Members of the Committees:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands supports this legislation that would allow for private developers to satisfy a portion of their Hawaii Community Development Authority reserve housing requirements by building homes on Hawaiian home lands in Honolulu's urban core.

We view this legislation as mutually beneficial to both DHHL and HCDA. SB 2408 SD 2 supports our mission to develop and deliver lands to native Hawaiians and it also supports HCDA's goal of addressing the shortage of affordable housing units in our state.

DHHL has approximately 25,000 native Hawaiians applicants waiting for an opportunity for home ownership. This bill is similar to Act 141 (2009) and is a valuable tool as we continue to provide homes to our beneficiaries and alleviate the housing crisis; a true win-win situation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.