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TESTIMONY OF KAULANA H. R. PARK, CHAIRMAN
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HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
ON SB 2408 - RELATING TO HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

February 3, 2010

Chair Hee, Vice-Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaiian Homes Commission and Department of Hawaiian Home Lands supports the intent of this legislation that would allow for private developers to satisfy their Hawaii Community Development Authority reserve housing requirements by building homes on Hawaiian home lands.

We view this legislation as mutually beneficial to both DHHL and HCDA. SB 2408 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.

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