

TESTIMONY
SB 2771

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**Before the Senate Committees on
WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
and
HEALTH**

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State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2771
RELATING TO KALAUPAPA**

Senate Bill 2771 proposes to transfer all parcels of land in Kalawao County from the Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands when there is no person receiving care for Hansen's disease at Kalaupapa Settlement. The Department recommends not changing the current status of Kalaupapa. A portion of the area under the Department's jurisdiction is included in a Memorandum of Agreement with the National Park Service and a portion is in the forest reserve. The federal government, with the assistance of Hawaii's congressional delegation, has appropriated funds to support a superintendent and some staff for the National Park area. They are currently in the process of working with the Molokai community to develop a master plan for the Park which respects and commemorates the significant history of this special place.

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