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Comments:

This proposed piece of legislation is problematic as it does not address funding or lay out plans for the scope of the pilot kanaka village. As far as the proposal goes, a pilot kanaka village could consist of 1 to 10,000+ residents. It does not even specify the size of land to be secured. Furthermore, I would be in greater support of a non-exclusive kanaka village open for people of all ethnicities, religions, and genders recognizing that Hawaii is home to many people of many backgrounds.

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Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

February 16, 2011 10:45 A.M.
Room 325, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of
H.B. 1489 H.D. 1
RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING

Madam Chair and Members of the House Committee on Housing, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with comments regarding House Bill 1489 as amended by House Draft 1, relating to Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) respectfully request the Committee to amend this measure to refer collaboration, consultation, and appropriation of funds to the Department of Human Services (DHS). Pursuant to Act 89 of the 2010 Hawaii Session Laws, the Homeless Programs Section was transferred from HPHA to the Benefit, Employment, and Support Services Division (BESSD) of DHS effective July 1, 2010.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the House Committee on Housing with the agency's position regarding H.B. 1489. We respectfully request the Committee to amend this measure appropriately.

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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING ON

HB 1489 HD1, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

February 16, 2011

Chair Cabanilla, Vice-Chair Chong and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) recognizes and appreciates the intent of this measure to address and mitigate our state's growing homeless/houseless population, and specifically native Hawaiians.

As proposed in this bill, implementation of this type of pilot program is problematic for several reasons. First, the mission of our department is return native Hawaiians (at 50% blood quantum or more) to the land. This would be difficult to implement without a reasonable method of verifying the blood quantum or beneficiary status of each participant in this "kanaka village" program. Also, this largely is a social service program, but there is no social service component or agency that will be involved. Finally, this measure does not currently authorize any appropriation, so resources allocated to this pilot would take away from other homestead developments.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.