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TESTIMONY OF ALAPAKI NAHALE-A, CHAIRMAN
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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS & AGRICULTURE ON

HB 705, RELATING TO HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

February 11, 2011

Chair Hanohano, Chair Tsuji and Members of the Committees:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) opposes this measure that legislates the Hawaiian Homes Commission's ability to decide on disposition of trust lands, in this case our available lands that are not used for homesteading. This restriction impedes our ability to lease lands for terms and purposes that make the most sense for our trust, beneficiaries and surrounding communities, and it hinders our ability to generate revenues to support our homestead program.

HB 705 would limit to whom we lease and the purposes for which we lease any lands currently leased of under agricultural and pastoral general leases when they expire. The Hawaiian Homes Commission already has authority to give preference for general leases to native Hawaiians and the DHHL already supports agricultural and pastoral uses on our lands.

DHHL has several Island Plans and Regional Plans that determine the highest and best use of our land inventory, and the development of these plans includes beneficiary consultation and engagement of

affected stakeholders. HB 705 entirely disregards these planning processes. Once the optimal use of our lands is determined, it is best for DHHL to have the greatest flexibility in leasing these lands to ensure we generate revenues at the highest possible levels.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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My Comments are as follows: I would actually like to see more land/property be returned to the Hawaiian people to be used as they would like to use their property. I feel that we have made use of Hawaiian property long enough and I feel that we need to return as much property as possible. Most of the land is currently being used by the Military, which is nice, but we are almost putting all of our eggs in one basket so to speak. It would be a gesture of goodwill to make every effort to keep our word to the Hawaiian people to return properties that belonged to them prior to World War II. Thank you for allowing me to participate in this comment process.

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