



**HCR224**

**REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO PARTNER  
WITH THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE  
ENTITIES TO PROVIDE SUPPORT SERVICES TO ITS BENEFICIARIES TO  
ENCOURAGE SUCCESSFUL FARMING ON AGRICULTURAL LANDS**

House Committee on Agriculture  
House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

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Room 312

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) offers the following comments on HCR224, which requests the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) to partner with OHA to provide support services to its beneficiaries to encourage successful farming on agricultural and pastoral lands.

OHA supports the intent of HCR224 because we recognize the importance of agriculture to the long-term sustainability for our state. We encourage sustainable methods of agriculture that provide viable environmental, social, economic and cultural opportunities for our beneficiaries. For example, OHA recently administered the Taro Security and Purity Task Force, which examined ways to protect and support local kalo farmers.

We respectfully recommend that the state Department of Agriculture also be included in the proposed partnership as DOA's agricultural expertise would be invaluable to fulfilling the intent of HCR224.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

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