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COMMENTS OF ALAPAKI NAHALE-A, CHAIRMAN
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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS ON

HR 254/HCR 287, REQUESTING THE STATE AUDITOR TO AUDIT THE SPENDING OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS FROM JULY 1, 2001, TO JUNE 30,
2010, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO REPORT ANNUALLY TO
THE LEGISLATURE ON CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING HOMESTEAD LOTS

March 30, 2011

Aloha Chair Hanohano, Vice-Chair Lee and Members of the Committee:

This resolution focuses on the performance of past administrations, commitments made to beneficiaries and the question of sufficient funding from the State of Hawaii to support our programs. Since taking office three months ago, I have raised similar questions. We are actively looking in to these areas and we are open to sharing this data with the legislature, but we need time to get a firm grasp of the state of the department and to survey these concerns.

One of our priorities is determining what sum of general funds would be sufficient to support our homestead program as state in the state constitution. Gathering the data requested in these resolutions is the first step, but we must also better understand our beneficiaries, specifically our applicants.

In consideration of the work that is in progress on this matter, we ask that you defer these resolutions, provided that our department

will continue work on collecting this information and will provide the information to you once we have compiled it.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.