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

HR 278/HCR 313, REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS AND
THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION TO REVISE THEIR CRITERIA AND
REQUIREMENTS FOR AWARDED COMMERCIAL LEASES TO CONFORM WITH THE RULING
IN *LEIMOMI MO'OKINI LUM V. HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION*

March 30, 2011

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

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is currently in the process of assessing both our agricultural and pastoral homestead programs with the intent of revising, re-developing and advancing these programs. The Hawaiian Homes Commission voted last year to support this effort, which includes revisions to the criteria we use for awards and amendment to our Administrative Rules.

With regard to the case cited in this resolution, the department is currently in litigation and cannot comment on how the ruling or the final outcome of the case will impact our agricultural and pastoral homestead programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.