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COMMENTS BY ALAPAKI NAHALE-A, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND AND OCEAN RESOURCES

**HCR 42/HR 36, REQUESTING THE STATE OF HAWAII AND THE CITY AND COUNTY
OF HONOLULU TO ALLOW ADEQUATE TIME FOR PROPER PERMITTING AND SAFETY
REGULATIONS FOR KUPUNA TERRACE IN WAIMANALO**

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Chair Chang, Vice-Chair Har and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) acknowledges the community support of this kind of gathering place and, in particular, the community efforts that went in to the construction of the Kupuna Terrace, and we offer the following comments for your committee's consideration.

This terrace is located on a Hawaiian Home Lands parcel that is managed by the City and County of Honolulu. The proximity of the terrace to the traffic on Kalaniana'ole Highway is cause for immediate concern. While this is a good example of community collaboration, our primary interest is the safety of the kupuna and others who use this terrace. We believe the current location of the terrace to be a significant liability to both the State of Hawaii and the City and County of Honolulu.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.