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TESTIMONY OF ALAPAKI NAHALE-A, CHAIRMAN DESIGNATE
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

ON **SB 1408, RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY ENTERPRISE ZONES**

February 2, 2011

Chair Gabbard, Chair Fukunaga and Members of the Committees:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands supports the purpose and intent of this bill to create an enterprise zone for renewable energy. DHHL is a major land owner in Kalaeloa (holding 550 acres), and we have leased 80 acres to Sopogy for a concentrated solar project and a photovoltaic project. These projects provide revenue to the DHHL and create new long-term jobs that support our state's construction industry. Any tax incentive provided by the establishment of an enterprise zone will not only support these types of projects that already exist, but will also attract new interest, projects and partnerships.

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands supports this measure as it supports projects that generate revenue for our homesteading program and, ultimately, these projects help our state manage its energy needs. Thank for you this opportunity to testify.