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TESTIMONY OF ALAPAKI NAHALE-A, CHAIRMAN

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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON WATER, LAND & OCEAN RESOURCES AND

HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

IN SUPPORT OF

HB 2246, RELATING TO HAIKU VALLEY

February 6, 2012

Aloha Chair Chang, Chair Hanohano, and Members of the Committees:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) supports the general intent of HB 2246 as it seeks to establish uniform oversight Ha'iku Valley to preserve in perpetuity the unique and significant cultural and historic resources in the valley.

As one of the major landowners of property in Ha'iku Valley, DHHL strongly believes there must be more dialogue and consultation with the Department of Land and Natural Resources to address key issues about oversight, property conveyance, community concerns, and continuity of existing DHHL commitments with Ke Kula O Samuel M. Kamakau (a Public Charter School located on DHHL lands in Haiku Valley) prior to any formation of the Ha'iku Valley Cultural Preserve Commission. Compensation must also be discussed as the Hawaiian Home Lands Recovery Act, the federal settlement legislation under which DHHL received its Haiku Valley property, mandates the minimum value DHHL must receive before releasing this property from its inventory.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Please pass HB 2246. This Haiku Valley thing has dragged on for so long, and it's just common sense to pass this bill. Aloha, Kalina Chang

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Testimony of President Soulee Stroud

House Committee on Water, Land, and Natural Resources
House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

House Bill 2246 Relating to Haiku Valley

Monday, February 6, 2012 Room 325

Aloha Chair Chang, vice chair Har and members of the Committee on Water, Land, & Natural Resources, and Chair Hanohano, vice chair Lee and members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs. I am Soulee Stroud, president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs here to support House Bill 2246 Relating to Haiku Valley.

The Association I represent is comprised of sixty component clubs in Hawaii and eleven states on the continent. There are twenty six clubs on Oahu alone, as well as on each of the neighbor islands. Several of our clubs have as their mission, the protection and preservation of cultural and historic resources and educating the public about these resources.

The Association in its 2005 annual convention in Kohala, Hawaii passed Resolution 05-28 To Support The Establishment Of Cultural Preserves In Halawa and Koʻolaupoko, Oʻahu. The Association strongly supports the establishment of the Haiku valley cultural preserve commission to provide policy and management oversight of the Haiku Valley cultural preserve.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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Aloha chair and committee members My name is Leialoha "Rocky" Kaluhiwa, a life long resident resident of He'eia. I wear many hats in our community, from vice president of Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian civic club, to member of the Kahalu'u Neighborhood board, vice president of the Kupa'aina Jones' Ohana of the He'eia Ahupua'a, Board member of Kako'o'oiwi, former president of Naiwi ola o He'eia-kea, immediate-past president of Ko'olau Foundation, former officer of both the Kaneohe and Keahiakaho'e canoe clubs and now the Ahumoku Representative for Oahu'Moku O Kakuhihewa.

My family has lived in the He'eia Ahupua'a for more then 200 hundred years, Some of them still reside on Kuleana lands in Haiku.

We are part of a working group working toward making the Haiku cultural P Reserve a reality, a place in which our family had Kuleana lands before the military occupation. We have iwi there, and still practice our cultural traditions in Haiku valley.

This valley was noted for its medicinal herbs and healing center for our Moku. We feel that this aina is not only precious and sacred to us, but also for the military. Since they built the omega station in the early 40s. It was a significant part of both world war 2, and the following cold war. It was one of only 7 communication stations in the world to aid the United states and our allies. When the military was there the Kupa aina families was always allowed cultural access to practice their traditions.

Together we can display this significance to the world with all of the potential that should be displayed, such as: the artifacts recovered from the creation of the H-3, as well as the military history to be kept in a museum.

We must continue to malama all the heiau in the valley and restore the indigenous medicinal plants. There is so much more this valley has to offer

this is just some of the reasons it should be preserved.

Please consider the passage of this bill. Me Kealoha pumehana Mahalo nui loa.