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TESTIMONY OF ALAPAKI NAHALE-A, CHAIRMAN HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE IN SUPPORT OF

#### HB 2529, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

February 27, 2012

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

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands strongly supports HB 2529, which allows the department to create its own procurement requirements for any expenditure of trust funds less than \$250,000. This bill is part of the Governor's administrative package by request of our department.

The department currently operates without the support of general funds, and depends wholly on its trust fund resources. Procurement flexibility on small purchases allows the department to expend trust funds more efficiently to better respond to and address the needs of trust beneficiaries. This flexibility would maintain fairness and transparency, while reducing barriers for Hawaiian homestead associations and organizations to compete as vendors and service providers. Further, streamlined procurement processes for small purchases expedite contract awards which potentially create jobs.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this important measure.



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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) <u>SUPPORTS</u> HB2529, which provides DHHL with procurement flexibility for certain purchases.

This bill allows the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) to streamline its procurement process for smaller contracts. This will make DHHL a more efficient agency and provide greater access to competititive bids from locally owned businesses that find the current procurement regime to have too many technical barriers. Increased efficiency and a more accessible bidding process will enable DHHL to provide better service to its beneficiaries, who are also OHA's beneficiaries.

Therefore, OHA urges the committees to PASS HB2529. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

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