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HB2529
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS
House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

February 1, 2012

8:30 a.m.

Room 329

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** 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 competitive 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. For these reasons, the OHA Administration will recommend that the OHA Board of Trustees support HB2529.

We urge the committee to PASS HB2529. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

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Leimana DaMate, Executive Director of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee, will be present at the committee hearing to answer questions on our behalf if need be. Mahalo.



Vanda Hanakahi, Aha Moku Advisory Committee

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT
OF HB 2529

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012, 8:30 a.m., Room 329

Aloha Chair Hanohano, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 2529. This bill exempts expenditures less than \$250,000 from Hawaiian Homes Trust funds identified in the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920 as amended, Section 213(d) from the requirements of Chapter 103D, HRS.

The Hawaiian Homes Trust and its lands has a special designation within the Hawaii State Admissions Act, Section 4. This special designation should permit the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (the Department) to be exempted from state procurement laws, regardless of amount, simply because the Department currently operates without the support of general funds from the State and is totally dependent upon its trust fund resources. However, if exempted from Chapter 103D, the Department must have its own stringent procurement policies in place in the interest of transparency and accountability. Further, expenses would be regulated and monitored by the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Precedence of being exempt from state procurement laws have been set and put in place by the University of Hawaii. It is only fair and right that the Native Hawaiian beneficiaries, through the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands be afforded this same exemption.

We support HB 2529.

Mahalo nui loa!

Vanda Hanakahi, Chair, Moloka'i

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Comments:

Aloha,
Please submit attached testimony in support of HB2529. Mahalo Shane

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HOUSE BILL 2529
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

Before the House
COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Wednesday, February 01, 2012 8:30 a.m. Conference Room 329

Aloha Madame Chair Hanohano, Vice Chair Lee and members of the House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs. I am Shane Nelsen, President of the Kuakini Hawaiian Civic Club of Kona. **WE SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 2529, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS** which allows an exemption from HRS 103D.

The Kuakini Hawaiian Civic Club of Kona is a chartered club of the Association of Hawaiian Civic clubs. Our membership consists of both Native and Non-Native Hawaiians; we are committed to, and concerned with the welfare of the Native Hawaiian community.

With respect to HRS, we support this Bill which will allow the Department of Hawaiian Homes to develop internal policies for public accountability and procurement expenditures. The Department of Hawaiian Homes has faced their challenges which include recent economical crunches. Allowing the flexibility would expedite benefits to the beneficiaries.

Madame Chair, we urge that this committee support HB2529. Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Mahalo Nui Loa,
Shane Akoni Nelsen

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