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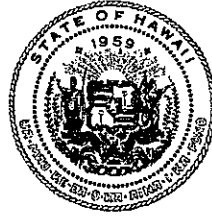
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**Testimony of
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**Before the House Committee on
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Wednesday, February 1, 2012
8:30 A.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 329**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 2530
RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY REVENUE**

House Bill 2530 identifies supplemental sources of revenue from renewable energy for the Native Hawaiian Rehabilitation Fund. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports the intent of this measure however requests the following revisions to clarify the proposed revenue to be shared with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL):

1. 20% of royalties transferred to DHHL that apply to future mining leases executed after July 1, 2012 shall be contingent upon the reduction of the County's share from 30% to 20%..
2. The 10% reduction of the County's share from any existing mining lease shall be retained by the Department.
3. Regarding the County's share of the royalties, revise proposed language on page 8, lines 5-6 from "not less than twenty" to "twenty".
4. 30% of any revenue transferred to DHHL from any disposition to a renewable energy producer made after July 1, 2012 shall not apply to a geothermal energy producer (page 5, lines 16-17).

Due to the increased workload to meet renewable energy needs in the State of Hawaii, these revisions will ensure that the Department can maintain the necessary resources to effectively manage the Geothermal Program and continue to facilitate land dispositions with renewable energy producers. The Department believes this cost sharing proposal, as clarified in this testimony, is fair with respect to the needs and obligations of both agencies and meets the objective of this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY REVENUE
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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) offers the following comments on HB2530, which would help ensure steady future revenue for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

The OHA administration will recommend that the OHA Board of Trustees **SUPPORT** HB2530 with amendments.

The State constitution places a high priority on the rehabilitation of native Hawaiians and created a funding structure for the Native Hawaiian Rehabilitation Fund which was designed to perpetuate for many years. This fund is utilized by DHHL for the important purposes of rehabilitation of native Hawaiians, native Hawaiian families, and Hawaiian homestead communities, including the educational, economic, political, social, and cultural processes by which the general welfare and conditions of native Hawaiians are thereby improved and perpetuated. However, the continuing decline in deposits from its main traditional funding source, state receipts from lands previously cultivated as sugarcane lands, necessitates the establishment of a stable alternative funding source to ensure that these resources remain available to DHHL and to native Hawaiians.

There is increased interest in expanding geothermal and other renewable energy research and development in Hawaii, and the royalties and revenues to be derived from these sources and received by the state will likely continue to grow. Therefore, DHHL reasonably looks to these revenue streams as possible alternatives.

OHA appreciates the important need for DHHL to stabilize their future funding and seeks to ensure that constitutionally provided funding for OHA would not suffer as a result. Therefore, OHA urges the committee to add a new section between the current sections 5 and 6 stating: "Nothing in this act shall diminish the office of Hawaiian affairs' pro rata portion of the public land trust, pursuant to article XII, section 6, of Hawaii's constitution."

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, Chair, Aha Moku Advisory Committee

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT
OF HB 2530

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY REVENUE

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 2530. This bill identifies geothermal royalties and revenue from public land dispositions to renewable energy producers as supplemental sources of revenue for the Native Hawaiian Rehabilitation Fund.

The Native Hawaiian Rehabilitation Fund was created through the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act to be the vehicle through which beneficiaries would be serviced through critical programs meant to better the conditions of Native Hawaiians. The main source of these funds, meant to be the most reliable, was the sugar lands. However, the drastic decline of those dedicated revenues can no longer service Hawaiians. In the current economic climate of today, one of the most critical programs threatened is the financial literacy training and counseling program among others. Technical assistance and grants for Hawaiian homestead communities are critically needed. Yet, the funds that would ensure the success of these programs are no longer viable.

The Aha Moku System, comprised of the 43 moku in the State of Hawaii is part of the Hawaiian homestead community. We recognize the viable future of renewable energy in our state. The intent of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act is to ensure a dedicated revenue stream that would fulfill the mandate of the federal government, and the compact with the State of Hawaii to “enable native Hawaiians to return to their lands in order to fully support self-sufficiency for native Hawaiians” (HHCA, Title 1A §101). This can only be done with a dedicated revenue. We believe that to be from sources of revenue from renewable energy.

We urge the passage of H.B.2530. Mahalo nui loa!

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