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HB2531
RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT
House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

February 1, 2012

8:30 a.m.

Room 329

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) offers the following comments on HB2531, which would allow the chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL), with unanimous consent of the commission, to suspend administrative rules and award a lease to a beneficiary who has been on the waitlist for at least twenty years.

Our primary observation is that the bill could greatly benefit from further details to support its main proposal. For example, the justification for the bill indicates that the proposed waiver would allow DHHL to provide beneficiaries with access to new products it is developing. However, the bill itself does not explain when and how the waiver can be used. The bill is also silent regarding other significant details. Therefore, we recommend that the following points be addressed in either the preamble or the body of the bill, or through rulemaking:

- How DHHL will justify choosing between multiple beneficiaries who have been applicants for more than twenty years.
- Why twenty years is the operative cut-off date.
- That the waiver is meant to facilitate the placement of families into new DHHL products such as multi-generational housing (if that is, in fact, the intent of the waiver).

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

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Comments:

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 2531

RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT

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 2531. This bill allows the chairman, with the unanimous consent of the commission, to suspend administrative rules for the purpose of awarding a lease to a native Hawaiian who has been on the waitlist for at least twenty years.

We strongly support this bill as we believe that it is the answer to helping our kupuna who have waited decades for a homestead lease. Many have died waiting – many still wait and have done so for over twenty years. These beneficiaries include many of our Native Hawaiian practitioners who make up the aha moku system.

We support the passage of H.B.2531. Mahalo nui loa!

Vanda Hanakahi, Chair, Aha Moku Advisory Committee (Moloka'i) and Homesteader

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Comments:
aloha...
Please submit for testimony... Mahalo Shane Nelsen

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HOUSE BILL 2531
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. It is with great pleasure that **WE SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 2531, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS** which allows the Chairman of the Department of Hawaiian Homes to suspend administrative rules, with unanimous consent, for the purpose of awarding leases to Native Hawaiians who were on the list for twenty years or more.

Madame Chair, the Hawaiian Homes Commission was established for the betterment of the Native Hawaiians. It is obvious that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is faced with administrative barriers that prevent them from executing the purpose of the Hawaiian Homes Act of 1920.

Many Native Hawaiians await their leases, some their entire lifetime. I have full trust that the Commission, lead by Chairman Nahale'a, has in place a remedy to address the long waited resolve to this internal process.

Madame Chair, we urge that this committee support HB2531. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of HB2531.

Mahalo Nui Loa,
Shane Akoni Nelsen

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Comments:

There many native Hawaiians that have been waiting for their benefit for more than 20 years. They apply while they are young, virile and employed with good salaries. Many are in their Senior years on a fixed income when they are awarded their land or home benefit. It certainly would be wonderful if the process would be speedier, so Native Hawaiians can enjoy their home while they are young. My father Albert Ainoa Kia, 76 years old, orginally applied in 1988 and still is waiting for his land or home benefit.

If this will help make the process quicker and easier, please pass this bill.

Thank you