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**HB2532**  
**RELATING TO A DISCOUNT AND SAVINGS PROGRAM**  
House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

February 1, 2012

8:30 a.m.

Room 329

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** HB2532, which would allow the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) to establish a discount and savings program card as way to generate revenue, support local business, and educate participants about Hawai'i's natural resources.

This program represents a progressive endeavor by DHHL to increase its capacity and self-sufficiency. If successful, the program will enable DHHL to provide better service to its beneficiaries, who are also OHA's beneficiaries. Therefore, the OHA Administration will recommend that the OHA Board of Trustees support HB2532.

We urge the committee to PASS HB2532. 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 2532**

#### RELATING TO DISCOUNT AND SAVINGS PROGRAM

House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

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

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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 2532. This bill establishes a discount and savings program to generate revenue for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for the purpose of maintaining its trust lands and communities, and educating participants about the state's lands and natural resources.

The Hawaiian Homes Commission Act was created by Prince Jonah Kalaniana'ole Kuhio in 1920 specifically to rehabilitate his people by connecting them back to their own lands. The proper management and maintenance of these lands are critical to the well-being of Native Hawaiians. However, since the care for these natural resources do not stem from the general funds of the State of Hawaii, it is important to generate other funds to perpetuate the unique culture of Native Hawaiians on their own lands.

We believe that the general public, residents and visitors alike, are not adverse to contributing to the well-being of our natural and cultural resources through a savings and discount program that will also benefit the indigenous people of Hawai'i.

We support the passage of H.B.2532. Mahalo nui loa!

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