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LATE TESTIMONY

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TESTIMONY OF ALAPAKI NAHALE-A, CHAIRMAN  
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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS AND  
WATER, LAND & OCEAN RESOURCES  
IN SUPPORT OF

**HB 2634, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS**

February 6, 2012

Chair Hanohano, Chair Chang, and Members of the Committees:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) supports the intent of this bill that proposes the creation of an off-the-grid homestead programs to expedite the award of homestead leases to native Hawaiians.

We appreciate that this legislation acknowledges the department's autonomy and exemption from building codes while creating a new program that may address the current needs of Hawaiian Home Lands applicants. However, Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 10 reflects our existing kuleana homestead program which is similar to the program proposed by this bill. The kuleana homestead program allows for the settlement of unimproved available lands, but to date, we have not made any residential lease awards under this program. The intent of this legislation can be implemented administratively.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.