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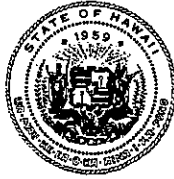
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HB 2876, RELATING TO HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

February 8, 2012

Chair Hanohano, Vice-Chair Lee and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) provides the following comments on this measure that proposes lease extensions for DHHL agricultural and aquacultural leases.

DHHL may award homestead leases to native Hawaiians, and may also issue general leases to the public pursuant to Chapter 171, Hawaii Revised Statutes. As written, this bill does not specify whether the leases to be extended are homestead or general leases. Both types of leases already have extension options, and both extension options exceed the proposed five to ten year term.

In certain cases, DHHL may issue month-to-month revocable permits for land parcels for agriculture or aquaculture activities. Some permittees have requested an extended term or the conversion of the permit to a general lease. We address these requests on a case by case basis.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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Testimony in Support of HB 2876

Aloha Chairman Representative Faye Hanohano and Committee on Hawaiian Affairs. My name is Lynn DeCoite and I am a third generation homestead sweet potato farmer on Molokai. I **support HB 2876** because this allows anyone who is farming to be able to secure financial support from institutions knowing you have farm long term leases. At the present time I have a month to month lease. No bank will give me a loan, because I can be evicted out of homestead land and USDA will not support any programs with out a lease of at least 7 years.

If we get a long term lease we can receive cost sharing for pipes, windbreaks, clearing of brush, wildlife game control (axis deer) that has been damaging crops, through USDA. I think that the long term lease will benefit hawaiian homes knowing that they also have a committment by the farmer to farm these lands.

Farmers will than take the intiative to invest in improvements to the land as well as practicing good conservation measures.

For those reasons I support HB 2876. Thank you for the opportunity to give testimony. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Mahalo,
Lynn DeCoite

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