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**LATE TESTIMONY**

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TESTIMONY OF ALAPAKI NAHALE-A, CHAIRMAN  
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION  
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & MILITARY AFFAIRS  
IN SUPPORT OF

**HCR 203/HR157 - REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER  
INTO A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN,  
CONSTRUCTION, TURNKEY, AND FINANCING OF A NEW MAUI REGIONAL PUBLIC  
SAFETY COMPLEX AT PUUNENE, MAUI.**

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Aloha Chair Aquino, Vice-Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) strongly supports this resolution and the proposed Maui Regional Public Safety Complex at Puunene.

Our department owns 834 acres adjacent to the proposed complex site, and the complex will bring much needed infrastructure to this region. With the road and water infrastructure, we can develop agricultural homestead lots, as well as commercial and industrial parcels to generate revenue sustain our trust. As the head of this Hawaiian trust, I also acknowledge that many of the state's inmates are Native Hawaiian, and this project creates opportunities to bring them home.

We fully support the Department of Public Safety's efforts to move forward on this new facility on Maui, and we look forward to continued collaboration to ensure the success of this project. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this resolution.