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The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz  
Chair, Senate Committee on Water, Land,  
and Housing  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 202  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Clayton Hee  
Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 407  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

SENATE BILL 2524 - RELATING TO HAIKU VALLEY

Dear Chairs Dela Cruz and Hee:

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) has reexamined the language within subject measure and on reconsideration, asks that the Committees disregard from the Department's testimony, the following specific item within the bill that should be addressed:

"2) The Department is held responsible for the enforcement of policies not vetted by its own governing board and there is no language in the bill to define a process for the Board of Land and Natural Resources to vet decisions of the Commission."

The Department's review has turned up that Senate Bill 2524 is modeled after the framework for Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission. Under Chapter 6K, Hawaii Revised Statutes, powers and duties of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board) pertaining to the Kahoolawe Island Reserve are transferred to the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission. Similar authorizing language to transfer the powers and duties of the Board is incorporated into Senate Bill 2524. The Department apologizes for this oversight in its initial review of this bill and misrepresentation in its testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Guy H. Kaulukukui".

GUY H. KAULUKUKUI, Ph.D.  
Deputy Director



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TESTIMONY OF ALAPAKI NAHALE-A, CHAIRMAN  
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION  
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON WATER, LAND, AND HOUSING &  
JUDICIARY AND LABOR  
IN SUPPORT OF

**SB 2524, RELATING TO HAIKU VALLEY**

February 15, 2012

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Chair Hee, and Members of the Committees:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) supports the general intent of SB 2524 as it seeks to establish uniform oversight Ha'ikū Valley to preserve in perpetuity the unique and significant cultural and historic resources in the valley.

As one of the major landowners of property in Ha'ikū Valley, DHHL strongly believes there must be more dialogue and consultation with the Department of Land and Natural Resources to address key issues about oversight, property conveyance, community concerns, and continuity of existing DHHL commitments with Ke Kula O Samuel M. Kamakau (a Public Charter School located on DHHL lands in Ha'ikū Valley) prior to any formation of the Ha'ikū Valley Cultural Preserve Commission. Compensation must also be discussed as the Hawaiian Home Lands Recovery Act, the federal settlement legislation under which DHHL received its Ha'ikū Valley property, mandates the minimum value DHHL must receive before releasing this property from its inventory.

The department is currently developing an O'ahu Island Plan which includes all our properties on the island, including our Ha'ikū Valley property. In light of the ongoing development of this plan, we are aware of Ha'ikū Valley stakeholders' concerns about DHHL management of the area and community access to this culturally significant area, and we are open to discussing a memorandum of understanding with stakeholders to outline a process to determine the future for DHHL lands in this valley.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



**O'ahu Council**  
**Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs**  
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February 15, 2012

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF S.B. 2524**  
**RELATING TO HAIKU VALLEY**

Hearing, Wednesday, February 15, 2012, 10 a.m., Conference Room 016, State Capitol

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair  
Senator Malama Solomon, Vice Chair  
Members, Committee on Water, Land & Housing

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair  
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair  
Members, Committee on Judiciary & Labor

Aloha mai, kākou

The O'ahu Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, comprised of 25 civic clubs located on the island of O'ahu, testifies in support S.B. 2524, Relating to Ha'iku Valley.

Our Council has voted to support the establishment of a cultural preserve in Ha'iku Valley in an effort to ensure the preservation of our cultural resources within the valley.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide this testimony in support of HB 2524.

Me kealoha pumehana

MAHEALANI CYPHER  
President

**About the O'ahu Council, Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (AHCC)**

The O'ahu Council is one of five councils that comprise the AHCC. It advocates actions that enhance the civic, economic, educational, health and social welfare of our communities and elevates the social and intellectual status of all Hawaiians. Twenty-five clubs located throughout the island of O'ahu comprise the council.