



SB2639 SD1
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

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Room 211

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** SB2639 SD1, which would establish an off-the-grid living program for Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) beneficiaries.

A high percentage of Native Hawaiians spend a significant amount of their income on housing costs and must compete for both rental and homeownership opportunities in an inflated market. DHHL provides a unique opportunity for qualified beneficiaries to obtain housing. This off-the-grid program, in particular, provides an additional way for those beneficiaries who are awarded leases to develop their property and still have a place to live.

OHA urges the committee to PASS SB2639 SD1. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify.

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Comments on Senate Bill 2639

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Welina Kakou,

Our (n) ative Hawaiian Organization is a grass root group who advocates on the well being of the (n) ative Hawaiian as ascribed in HHCA of 1920, as amended in Hawaiian Home Land activities. As the spokesperson for Aupuni O Hawaii, I would like to offer a few comments on this bill.

SB 2639 S.D. 1 articulates a define process of said program for the (n) ative Hawaiian with an achievement of a dream home of their own. The problem is not the process with most on the waiting list; we feel it's the ability to purchase a home as the primary factor for most on the waiting list; we would encourage a solution of a creation of an adhoc/taskforce in the education and commerce for the (n) ative Hawaiians in the planting of the Kanaka Maoli in and on the Home Lands instead of a broken promise of another failed housing policy.

A suggestion of federal block grants for the (n) ative Hawaiian Housing as promised in HHCA 1920, as amended within the purview DHHL could be the vehicle to shrinking the waiting list and be part of the solution of putting the natives on Home Lands without the comingling of the state's policies attenuation of true help.

Educational block grants specifically for the (n) ative Hawaiians in the purview of DHHL would cause a movement of pride and ownership of well being in self preservation of families, communities, and commerce within Oceania. For out of this movement the numbers will recede on the list and the answer for this fix will be awarded with a healthy increasingly community of pride, only here would the federal block grants would conclude the final achievement in helping the (n) ative Hawaiians to realize a home the proper way. We want to see measures evolve to help the (n) ative Hawaiians not placate us as another litmus test of failure from a questionable on-going policy that has been implemented and failed in the past.

In conclusion, the needs of our distinct nation to be recognized and heard is a hard decision for this legislation to decide on correcting past wrongs and mending a nation to be once great again in the middle of the Pacific. We encourage you to walk the walk and not talk the small talk.

Me ka Ha'aha'a
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