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SB2790 SD1
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS
House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

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Room 329

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** SB2790 SD1, which extends the sunset date of 2010's Act 187 from 2012 to 2015.

This bill allows the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) to begin construction on its projects without having full capital costs on hand. This puts DHHL on similar financial footing to other developers who are managing multiple projects. This would enable DHHL to provide enhanced service to its beneficiaries, who are also OHA's beneficiaries.

Therefore, OHA urges the committee to PASS SB2790 SD1. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

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TESTIMONY OF ALAPAKI NAHALE-A, CHAIRMAN
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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
IN SUPPORT OF

SB 2790 SD 1, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

March 14, 2012

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

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands strongly supports SB 2790 SD 1, which extends the sunset date of the peak-draw provision of Act 187 (2010) from June 30, 2012, to June 30, 2015. This bill is part of the Governor's administrative package by request of our department.

Act 187 (2010) amended §37-40, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to allow us to incur an expenditure from our trust funds in excess of the amount standing to the credit of our trust fund subject to certain conditions approved by the Director of Finance and the Governor. This is a tool that helps our department better manage our cash flow and resources so we can better meet our mission and return native Hawaiians to our trust lands through homestead awards.

Since Act 187 was passed, the economic conditions in Hawaii and the timing of our projects have not provided an opportunity to implement the pilot program. When the legislation for the Act was introduced in 2009, our department had five projects lined up to which we could have applied this exception. These projects include 45 units

in Kona, 139 units in Kapolei, 52 units in Waimanalo, 36 units in Anahola, and the 19 units at our energy-efficient Kaupuni Village in Waianae. The previous administration encumbered contracts for these projects and started construction before the bill was passed and signed into law.

Looking forward, the department anticipates needing this pilot program immediately and over the next three years to manage a number of upcoming projects, including additional units in Kapolei and a potential rental project. The three-year sunset extension allows this administration to take full advantage of the peak-draw provision to create and deliver homestead opportunities to as many of our 42,000 applicants as possible.

There is no cost to the implement this program, as there is no cost to the State to extend the sunset. Again, this exception is a tool for greater efficiency, and the language in the original legislation provides for checks, balances, and other requirements.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this important measure.