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TESTIMONY OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN DESIGNATE
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND
IN SUPPORT OF

HB 866, RELATING TO SEWER SYSTEMS SERVICING ON HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

January 28, 2013

Chair Evans, Vice-Chair Lowen, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) strongly supports HB 866, which clarifies and confirms the counties' ownership of and responsibility for certain existing sewer systems servicing Hawaiian Home Lands. This bill is part of the Governor's administrative package by request of our department.

Historically, the counties have accepted the sewer infrastructure and performed the necessary repairs and maintenance of the systems. Recently, certain counties have either not accepted portions of the infrastructure or have not performed needed repair and maintenance for the sewers. Since operating and maintaining sewer systems is a county function, the counties should continue to accept the sewer infrastructure and perform the required repair and maintenance of these systems. These costs rise with the age of these sewer systems, and systems like the one that services the Papakolea homestead were built as early as the 1930s.

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This bill ensures the sufficient and consistent operation, improvement, maintenance, and repair of sewer systems servicing Hawaiian Home Lands. If this measure is enacted into law, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands would then be better able to focus our effort at developing homes for our beneficiaries.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in strong support.

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