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### HCR25

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Testimony for WAL on Feb 11, 2013 08:30AM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elaine D.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Hcr25 Oppose. Oppose. Oppose. Doesn 't this state realize converting state land to private land is a loser 's proposition? The state wants to make a deal/trade for private land that is worth less ? And will accept worth-less 'cash' dollars for the overage on valuable Hawaiian land!! Maybe this kind of thinking is why the state can 't handle fiscal responsibilities. Hands off Public Lands. No public to private conversions of Hawaiian lands.

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**Testimony of  
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Chairperson**

**Before the House Committees on  
WATER & LAND  
and  
OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Monday, February 11, 2013  
8:30 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 25  
SUBMITTING TO THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII FOR REVIEW  
OF ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES ON A  
LAND EXCHANGE**

House Concurrent Resolution 25 submits to the Legislature for review the Board of Land and Natural Resources' approval in principle of a proposed land exchange between the State of Hawaii and Hawaii Baptist Academy. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this concurrent resolution and provides the following comments.

As the manager of the public land trust, the Department is responsible for managing approximately 1.3 million acres of public lands. Our responsibilities include managing and maintaining the State's coastal lands and waters, water resources, conservation and forestry lands, historical sites, small boat harbors, parks, and recreational facilities; performing public safety duties (e.g., flood and rock fall prevention); issuing and managing leases of public lands; maintaining unencumbered public lands; and enforcing the Department's rules and regulations. To support the Department's fiduciary duties, the Department utilizes a portion of the public lands under its jurisdiction for revenue generation. These revenues help fund many of the Department's operations and programs that are critical to protection and preservation of the State's historic, cultural and natural resources.

The proposed land exchange is expected to increase revenues and help support the Department fulfill its fiduciary obligations to protect and preserve Hawaii's historic, cultural and natural resources.

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KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION  
LAND  
STATE PARKS

## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND

Monday, February 11, 2013, at 8:30 am

### HCR 25

#### **Submitting to the Legislature of the State of Hawaii for Review of Action Taken by the Board of Land and Natural Resources on a Land Exchange**

Chair Cindy Evans, Vice Chair Nicole Lowen and Members of the Committee:

I am Naomi Kuwaye, representing Hawaii Baptist Academy. Hawaii Baptist Academy strongly supports HCR 25, which asks the Hawaii State Legislature to approve the proposed land exchange between Hawaii Baptist Academy and the State of Hawai'i, by its Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Hawaii Baptist Academy has been leasing the land under its middle school campus pursuant to a long-term lease with the State. In 2008, the Board of Land and Natural Resources approved in principle a proposed land exchange involving the State land currently leased to Hawaii Baptist Academy for its middle school campus in exchange for land to be determined in the future.

Since 2008, Hawaii Baptist Academy has been working with the State to secure land that met the State's stringent exchange criteria. In late 2010, a property in Waipahu Industrial Park was identified and the owner agreed to be part of this land exchange process.

After conducting due diligence, both Hawaii Baptist Academy and the Board of Land and Natural Resources agreed that this Waipahu Industrial Park property met all of the State's criteria. The Board of Land and Natural Resources subsequently approved the proposed land exchange and submitted it for the Legislature's review and consideration.

Hawaii Baptist Academy would like to express its appreciation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources and its staff at the Department of Land and Natural Resources for all of their work and efforts in supporting this proposed land exchange and respectfully requests this Committee's support and endorsement of HCR 25.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in favor of this land exchange.