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TESTIMONY OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
IN SUPPORT OF

**HCR 162/ HR 130, REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO
PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE KA
MAKANA ALII PROJECT AND ACT 187, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2010.**

April 5, 2013

Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair Har, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) supports the intent of this resolution that requests a report on the status of the Ka Makana Alii project on our lands in Kapolei.

In past sessions, previous leaders of our organization have testified before the Legislature that the Ka Makana Alii project and our general lease to DeBartolo Development, LLC for this project will provide a significant revenue stream to our department and will create economic opportunity for our homestead communities in Kapolei. This remains true today. We appreciate the continued support of the Legislature for this project and we are open to providing the requested report provided that any proprietary information would be understandably excluded from the report.

Act 187 (2010) and Act 175 (2012) are critically important to our general leases and these laws enable DHHL to attract the best commercial lessees and projects to generate revenue on our non-

homestead lands. We have been in the process of reviewing these amendments to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, with the U.S. Department of Interior since the passage of the laws, and we are also currently in the process of promulgating administrative rules pursuant to Act 187. Once rules are adopted, the lease extension provision would be applicable to the general lease to DeBartolo Development, LLC, as well as other general leases like the one issued to Prince Kuhio Plaza, LLC in Hilo. These laws have implications beyond the Ka Makana Alii project and should be permanent.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.