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TESTIMONY OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON
HUMAN SERVICES (HMS), TOURISM AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS (THA) &
WATER AND LAND (WTL)
IN SUPPORT OF

SCR 137/SR 98, REQUESTING THE COORDINATOR ON HOMELESSNESS TO ASSEMBLE
A WORKING GROUP TO IDENTIFY INNOVATIVE HOUSING SOLUTIONS FOR HOMELESS
NATIVE HAWAIIAN FAMILIES; INVESTIGATE SUITABLE AND AVAILABLE FEDERAL,
STATE, COUNTY, AND PRIVATE LAND FOR INNOVATIVE HOUSING PROJECTS; AND
PREPARE A PLAN TO DEVELOP A DEMONSTRATION HOUSING PROJECT FOR HOMELESS
NATIVE HAWAIIAN FAMILIES THAT CAN SERVE AS A MODEL STATEWIDE.

April 1, 2013

Chair Chun Oakland, Chair Galuteria, Chair Solomon, and Members of the
Committees:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands supports the intent of SCR
137 and SR 98, which requests the formation of a working group to
identify innovative housing solutions for homeless Native Hawaiian
families.

We recognize that a number of our state's homeless and houseless
population are beneficiaries of our trust, and we are currently
collaborating with the Coordinator on Homelessness to identify ways to
address these needs. We defer to the Coordinator on Homelessness on
the feasibility and costs of completing the tasks requested in the
resolution.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on these resolutions.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jan E. Hanohano Dill - President	Partners In Development Foundation	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Mai e Na Haku, As long-time providers of assistance to homeless Native-Hawaiian families, including providing Early Education services for preschool aged keiki living on the beaches and in shelters, Partners In Development Foundation supports any plan of action that will lessen the amount of Hawaiians living without a place to call home, in their own native land. We will gladly work with any government agency, individuals, and/or other non-profit service providers, to find a way to remedy this sad and regrettable situation. Mahalo, Jan E. Hanohano Dill President

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**JOINT SENATE COMMITTEES ON HUMAN SERVICES;
TOURISM AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS; WATER AND LAND**

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Monday, April 1, 2013; 2:45 pm; Room 224

Aloha Madam Chair Chun Oakland, Chairman Galuteria and Madam Chair Solomon of the joint Senate Committees on Human Services, Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs and Water and Land. I am Soulee Stroud, president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs speaking in support of this measure to address the homeless needs of the indigenous population of Hawaii and offering an amendment.

We agree that the homeless situation in Hawaii is highly complicated that will require complicated solutions. We agree that a working group could begin to address some of the issues.

We suggest an amendment added as (1) in the first Be It Resolved as:

(1) Identify the accurate numbers of Native Hawaiians vis-a-vis native Hawaiians that are currently homeless and use that data base as the starting point for the working group.

The three numerals currently in that paragraph then become (2), (3) and (4).

This distinction would clearly identify the two classes within the indigenous population as defined in current Federal and State law and provide direction as to available trust benefits.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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