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TESTIMONY OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON HUMAN SERVICES (HMS), TOURISM AND HAWAIIAN AFFIRS (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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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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