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TESTIMONY OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES,
COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS &
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

SB 2533, RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING

February 4, 2014

Chair Chun Oakland, Chair Shimabukuro, Chair Espero, and Members of
the Committees:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) supports the general
intent of this bill which aims to address Hawaii's shortage of
affordable housing, and specifically supports Part VI which
appropriates general funds to construct housing for beneficiaries on
homestead lands.

DHHL welcomes this source of revenue to support the department's
efforts to place native Hawaiian families on the home lands. In
consideration of the limited general funds appropriated to the
department, the conclusion of the Act 14 settlement payments, and the
uncertainty of continued federal funds, the passage of this measure
with an appropriation for DHHL will help expedite the construction of
homes for native Hawaiian families.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

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H. Doug Matsuoka
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4 February 2014

Re: Testimony in favor of SB2533 RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Aloha Chairs Chun, Shimabukuro, Espero, and Vice Chairs Green, Hee, Baker, and the respective Committees,

Through my work with Hawaii Guerrilla Video Hui, I document of the plight of Honolulu's homeless, advocate for their civil rights, and work for social justice through economic and political equity.

The median price of a used house on Oahu is \$685,000. That's 348% (a full 3.48 times) the national average of \$197,100. (Figures from Honolulu Board of Realtors and National Realtors Association respectively.)

While Hawaii's housing costs are the highest in the nation, Hawaii's household income and minimum wage are not.

Under the control of the legislature is the minimum wage, and through SB2533, the availability of affordable housing. It is completely within your power to reduce homelessness in Hawaii.

Rather than criminalize homelessness, take daring steps toward eliminating the causes of homelessness. Pass SB2533 with the funding required to make it an effective vehicle for the public good.

Mahalo nui loa for your service to the community,

H. Doug Matsuoka
Makiki, Honolulu

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Submitted on: 2/4/2014

Testimony for HMS/HWN/PSM on Feb 4, 2014 14:30PM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patricia Blair	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Absolutely this is the way to go!

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David Mulinix	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am the former Executive Director of Hawaii Habitat for Humanity. I worked directly with the Houseless and build several homes for them on Oahu. It has been shown that the best way to affect Houselessness is to provide Affordable Housing. There is documentation from States and Cities around the Nation who are trying this approach and have found it to be the most successful in clearing the Houseless from the streets and parks. Utah for example claims this approach will eradicate Hoeslessness from their State within a year. Please move forward on passing this legislation and help our poorest of the poor here in Hawaii regain a normal life and their dignity. Mahalo, David Mulinix