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TESTIMONY OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT
OPERATIONS AND HOUSING &
COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
IN SUPPORT OF

SCR 99, REQUESTING VARIOUS GOVERNMENT ENTITIES, PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING DEVELOPERS, AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO COLLABORATE AND PRODUCE A COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE HOUSING PLAN.

March 20, 2014

Chair Dela Cruz, Chair Chun Oakland, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) supports this resolution that calls for a comprehensive statewide housing plan. We agree that a comprehensive housing plan that includes all housing agencies can encourage and support appropriate funding allocations to each agency, and a collaborative plan can help maximize these appropriations.

We ask that you consider incorporating language into this resolution that encourages federal agencies or entities that provide housing services to also contribute to the plan, either by participating directly, or by sharing housing data. Also, while we support the intent of this plan, please keep in mind that our department is limited to serving the interests of native Hawaiian beneficiaries (50% blood quantum).

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.