



**HB1095**  
**RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION**  
House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs

February 3, 2017

9:30 a.m.

Room 312

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The Beneficiary, Advocacy and Empowerment Committee of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) will recommend to the Board of Trustees a position of **SUPPORT** on HB1095, which proposes to amend the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA) to reduce the number of commissioners that are residents of the city and county of Honolulu (O‘ahu) from three to two, and to add a commissioner from the island of Lāna‘i.

This measure was approved by the Hawaiian Homes Commission (Commission) and is in the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands’ (Department’s) Administrative Package. Currently, the HHCA requires that the Commission consist of eight members who are residents of all the islands on which Hawaiian Home Lands are located, and the ninth member is the Commission’s chair. The HHCA has no such Commission requirement for Lāna‘i, on which fifty acres of land was acquired by the Department in 1999, 29 leases awarded since then and 66 applicants awaiting lease awards, and therefore this measure seeks to address this.

OHA supports the principle that all islands that have Hawaiian Home Lands have representation on the Commission. We take this opportunity, however, to also comment on the significant needs of O‘ahu. In its January 11, 2017, testimony to the Senate Ways and Means Committee, the Department identified several of the many challenges it faces, including that the greatest demand (longest waiting list) is for residential property on O‘ahu (10,511 applications as of November 30, 2016), yet the Department has the least amount of land holdings on O‘ahu (3.3% of total lands). Additionally, O‘ahu has substantial homestead communities, including in Kapolei, Nānākuli, Princess Kahanu Estates, Papakōlea, Kewalo, Kalāwahine, Waimānalo, Waiāhole, Kumuhau/Kaka‘ina, Wai‘anae, Kaupuni Village, and Lualualei. It is our expectation that the Commission and Department will continue to address challenges faced on O‘ahu, even with the reduction of one Commissioner who is a resident of O‘ahu.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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GOVERNOR  
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**TESTIMONY OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN  
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION  
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES,  
AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**IN SUPPORT OF**

**HB 1095 RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION**

February 3, 2017

Aloha Chair Ing and members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands strongly supports this bill that amends the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act to reduce the number of commissioners that are residents of the city and county of Honolulu and adds a commissioner from the island of Lanai. This bill is part of the Governor's administrative package by request of our department.

The Hawaiian Homes Commission is currently composed of nine members, and at least one member is a resident of each island on which the department has land with the exception of Lanai. The department acquired 50 acres on Lanai in 1999, and the department has awarded 29 leases on Lanai, and there are 66 applicants awaiting lease awards on Lanai. However, there is no provision for a member of the commission to be a resident of Lanai.

This proposal provides for a more direct connection for native Hawaiian beneficiaries on Lanai to the Hawaiian Homes Commission by requiring at least one member of the Commission be a resident of Lanai. This member will better understand the interests, needs, and concerns of beneficiaries as well as land management matters on Lanai.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
De MONT R. D. CONNER	Ho'omana Pono, LLC.	Support	Yes

Comments: We FULLY SUPPORT this bill that recognizes the need for the INDEPENDENT NATION OF MOLOKA`I (LOL), to also have competent representation on the DHHL Board of Commissioners. We on O`ahu are must be willing to sacrifice one of our seats so that our Ohana on Moloka'i can enjoy the privilege of direct representation.

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Teri Heede	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Derek Kimura	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In support of HB1095.

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Kama Hopkins	Individual	Oppose	No

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Reis Haituka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To further the equality and representation of all Native Hawaiians across Hawai'i.

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Doreen Canto	Individual	Support	No

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Kilia Purdy-Avelino	Individual	Support	No

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Alvin K Pelayo	Individual	Support	No

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Lilia Kapuniai	Individual	Support	No

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W.M. Waipa	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cassandra Burdyshaw	Individual	Support	No

Comments: YES, I support HB1457. No more aquarium permits. Freeze existing permits until DLNR can develop a comprehensive, sustainable management plan.

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