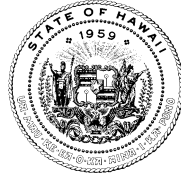


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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

HB 2464, HD1 RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT

February 15, 2018

Aloha Chair Nishimoto and members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) submits comments on this bill that makes any person who sells or transfers an interest in a Hawaiian home lands lease ineligible to receive a subsequent lease for the same class of land except in limited circumstances.

The Department supports the intent of the bill which is aimed at addressing applicants on the waitlist. The Department started addressing this issue by promulgating a rule that would prohibit the sale of undivided interests and leases to lots that are vacant or undeveloped. The Hawaiian Homes Commission is also considering a right of first refusal to homestead applicants on the waitlist.

We appreciate the Committee's efforts to look at addressing lessee activities that beneficiaries have expressed concern over in the past. We look forward to working with you during this session to see what amendments could be considered to either the HHCA or the department's administrative rules to address these concerns while trying to minimize the impact of any unintended consequences.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

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**PRESENTATION OF THE
OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII
TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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REGULAR SESSION OF 2018
Thursday, February 15, 2018
2:00 a.m.**

Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 329

RE: Testimony in Support of HB 2464 HD1 RELATING TO HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT

To the Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Chair; the Honorable Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice-Chair and the Members of the Committee on Judiciary:

Good afternoon, my name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on House Bill No.2464 HD1 relating to Hawaiian Homes Commission Act.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of House Bill No 2464 HD1 and supports its passage.

House Bill No.2464 HD1 is in alignment with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it makes any person who sells or transfers an interest in a Hawaiian home lands lease ineligible to receive a subsequent lease for the same class of land except in limited circumstances.

The DPH Platform states that "[w]e support the continued engagement and empowerment of the Native Hawaiian community in decisions related to county and state affairs. We support the growth of Native Hawaiian farming, agricultural and healing practices. We value and wish to foster the preservation of our host culture. (Platform of the DPH, P. 4, Lines 210-214 (2016)).

Given that House Bill No.2464 HD1 makes any person who sells or transfers an interest in a Hawaiian home lands lease ineligible to receive a subsequent lease for the same class of land except in limited circumstances, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ **Melodie Aduja**

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