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

IN SUPPORT OF

**HB 65 RELATING TO THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE BOWL-O-DROME
PROPERTY**

February 3, 2017

Aloha Chair Ing and members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands supports this bill that authorizes general obligation bonds and appropriates funds to the Department for the redevelopment of the Bowl-O-Drome property, located at 820 Isenberg Street, with the assistance of the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

The Department appreciates any additional funding to support its initiatives as long as it doesn't affect the priorities identified in the Governor's Executive budget request. DHHL is currently completing the environmental compliance steps necessary to utilize its federal NAHASDA funding to develop on this site.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.



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STATEMENT OF
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BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES & HAWAIIAN
AFFAIRS

ON

Friday, February 3, 2017
9:30 A.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

in consideration of
**HB 65 – RELATING TO THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE BOWL-O-
DROME PROPERTY**

Chair Ing, Vice Chair Gates and members of the committee.

This testimony reflects my view alone. The Hawaii Community
Development Authority (HCDA) has not reviewed or acted on this measure.

In my capacity as the HCDA Executive Director, I respectfully offer
comments on this proposal.

HCDA stands ready to assist any of our sister agencies to carry out their
duties, as requested.

However, I would defer to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands as to
the specifics of this proposal.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this proposal.



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Thursday, February 2, 2017

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
HOUSE BILL 65
RELATING TO THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE BOWL-O-DROME PROPERTY

Aloha e Chair Ing, Vice Chair Gates and members of the Committee on Ocean, Marine
Resources & Hawaiian Affairs,

The Waimānalo Hawaiian Homes Association submits this testimony in **SUPPORT** of House Bill 65 relating to the redevelopment of the Bowl-o-Drome property located at 820 Isenberg Street. The support of the Director of Finance to appropriate necessary funds for fiscal year 2017-2018 for the purposes of redeveloping the property to further advance the mission of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, as amended, is commendable. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Kamakana M. Aquino, President
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Teri Heede	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Derek Kimura	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In support of HB65.

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Doreen Canto	Individual	Support	No

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Alvin K Pelayo	Individual	Support	No

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Lilia Kapuniai	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Ing, Vice Chair and Committee Members: I am a beneficiary and homesteader living in the Papakolea Region. I submit this testimony in support of HB65 RELATING TO THE REDEVELOPMENT OF BOWL-O-DROME PROPERTY, with comments. I support the use of general obligation bonds for the purpose of development, however DHHL has not shared their redevelopment plans for the parcel, with the homesteaders of the Honolulu Region. For this reason, I submit a testimony in "support with comments". Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. I can be contacted via e-mail at liliak@mac.com. Aloha.

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Testimony in Support

Date: February 3, 2017

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: Conference Room 312

To: Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, and Hawaiian Affairs

Representative Kaniela Ing, Chair

Representative Cedric Asuega Gates, Vice Chair

Re: Testimony in Support of HB 1098

RELATING TO REDEVELOPMENT OF THE BOWL-O-DROME PROPERTY

Authorizes general obligation bonds and appropriates funds to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for the redevelopment of the Bowl-O-Drome property, located at 820 Isenberg Street, with the assistance of the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

Aloha Chair Ing, Vice Chair Gates, and members of this committee,

My name is Homelani Schaedel, I am a lessee and as such a beneficiary of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, as amended.

We can all agree that the lands set aside for the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, as amended were not choice lands; much of those lands were already in use by the sugar plantations. If the lands were not dry, arid, with little or no water like Nānākuli, they were up on the hillsides, like Papakōlea. None the less, our kupuna took what they were given and made the most of what they had to carve out a life for their ohana. The same can be said for many of homestead lands across our state.

Today, we're talking about a two (2) acre parcel in Mo'ili'ili that was once a flat wet area where our kupuna grew kalo until the late 1800's. It is the only "prime" piece of land in the Waikīkī Ahupua'a that is in the Department of Hawaiian Home Land's inventory.

Discussions on the redevelopment of these two (2) acres have been ongoing since before the Bowl-O-Drome was closed in 2004. Raynard Soon, then Director of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) submitted a FONSI on September 25, 2001 to the Department of Health where he identifies potential mix-use to generate income and provide housing for those on the Waitlist.

Between April and July of 2014, DHHL held six (6) beneficiary consultations on the O'ahu Island Plan which includes these two (2) acres. I attended the Waipahu session; where to my surprise people were open to "high rise" living. When asked wouldn't you rather have a house you can pass on; a kupuna said, "I've been on the list so long, I'm too old to take care of a yard. I live in and rent an apartment, the difference would be that I could "own" that apartment,

and pass that on”. A young man said, “I work in town and live on the west side. I have to fight traffic every day because I can’t afford to live in town, so yeah I would love it if DHHL would build a condo on that land, I might have a better chance to be a homesteader”.

Chair Masagatani and her staff are being responsible and responsive to requests from applicants in bringing this project forward, it has sat for too long. I fear, the kupuna I spoke of earlier may not realize his dream, but perhaps that young man will.

Imagine, like the lo‘i, a small plot can produce food for many. This two (2) acre site, has the potential to house one hundred twenty-five (125) lessees. Today you have the opportunity to push beyond traditional means and methods when considering multiple housing options for DHHL.

Some may disagree; but I believe Prince Kuhio who was an intelligent, progressive thinker, and a visionary with great passion to do all he could for his people would if he were here, encourage you to support and pass this bill...as I do.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Homelani Schaedel