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Re: Hearing on SCR 48, SD1 (SSCR3472)
Requesting the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to Provide Multi-Family,
High-Density Development in Transient-Oriented Development Zones and
Tiny Homes for Native Hawaiians
Hearing Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 10:45 pm

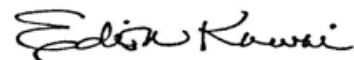
Dear Chairs and Committee Members:

I am a member of the Waimea Hawaiian Civic Club. The Hawaiian Civic Clubs are committed to the same ideals as those of our founder, Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole, getting Hawaiians back on their Aina Hanau, among them.

I strongly support SCR 48, SD1 as it answers a long-standing need amongst Hawaiians. Homelessness is widespread for Hawaiians stemming from many generations of dispossession. It is an absolutely logical progression, as housing becomes more and more limited due to high cost, low availability, and economic pressures upon Hawaiians, to require the DHHL to provide these specific types of development. However, it is also obvious that the DHHL moves extremely slowly in all aspects of operation. Witness the promulgation of rules. If we wait for DHHL to do what it knows it must do, there will be no more Native Hawaiians left on the waiting list and none to take their place. As an example, the 2017 Legislature passed the bill to reduce the blood quantum percentage requirement from 25 percent to 1/32. The Dept. of the Interior provides specific procedures in order to bring an amendment to the DOI. The DHHL did NOTHING! Instead they brought the matter back to the legislature. Another year gone.

I ask that you support this bill and require that the DHHL follow through with its requirements.

Yours sincerely,



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SCR-48-SD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

To the Honorable Tom Brower, Chair; to the Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura, Vice Chair; and the Members of the Committee on Housing:

To the Honorable Kaniela Ing, Chair; to the Honorable Lynn DeCoite, Vice Chair; and the Members of the Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources & Hawaiian Affairs:

Good morning. 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 **SCR48 SD1** relating to more housing for Native Hawaiians.

The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in favor of **SCR48 SD1** and strongly supports its passage.

SCR48 SD1 is in accord with the Democratic Platform as it encourages the development of more housing for Native Hawaiians.

The DPH Platform states that: "Housing is a basic human need and we believe that adequate, accessible, affordable, and safe housing should be available to all residents of Hawai'i. Affordable housing that is fair in proportion to individual income is the basis of prosperity for our citizens and stability in our economy. Recent and past real estate bubbles have fueled disproportionate rent increases, a key contributor to homelessness. Therefore, we support efforts to promote truly affordable housing for all citizens who rent.

We also need economically affordable home ownership. To this end we support policies which re-think the current formula to determine "affordability" as this formula puts both rentals and sales out of the reach of most working families in Hawai'i.

We support circuit breaker or other relief to ensure that senior citizens are not taxed out of their homes.

We believe in the concept of “Housing First” to develop affordable, stable housing and support services to break the cycle of homelessness for people with the fewest housing options.

We support dedicated social services and housing opportunities for Hawaii’s homeless population, to get them off the streets and reintegrated into society, with specific devoted services for disenfranchised groups including but not limited to the Hawaiian community, aged-out foster kids, youth, returning veterans, the aged, and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender homeless. (Platform of the DPH, P.7, Lines 340-358 (2016)).

Given that **SCR48 SD1** encourages the development of more housing for Native Hawaiians, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to strongly support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

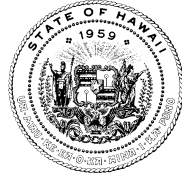
Sincerely yours,

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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON HOUSING AND
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**SCR 48, SD1 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO
PROVIDE MULTI-FAMILY, HIGH-DENSITY DEVELOPMENT IN TRANSIENT-
ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT ZONES AND TINY HOMES FOR NATIVE HAWAIIANS**

April 12, 2018

Aloha Chairs Brower & Ing and members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) submits comments on this resolution requesting DHHL to provide multi-family, high-density development in transient-oriented development zones and tiny homes for native Hawaiians. DHHL appreciates that this resolution references the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) report titled "Housing Needs of Native Hawaiians: A Report From the Assessment of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Housing Needs." Nevertheless, DHHL requests that this measure be deferred while it undertakes the rulemaking process. DHHL is working toward developing multi-family, high-density development as evidenced by the Hawaiian Homes Commission's approval in December 2017 to proceed to beneficiary consultation for administrative rules related to Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (DCCR) communities, multi-family housing, and rentals. While DHHL is just starting this process by engaging its beneficiaries, we humbly request that the Legislature defer this resolution so beneficiaries can weigh in on this issue first.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.