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TESTIMONY OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

**SCR 48 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**

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Aloha Chair Dela Cruz 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 transit-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.