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TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM J. AILA, JR, CHAIRMAN
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS & WATER & LAND
HEARING ON MARCH 12, 2020 AT 1:15PM IN CR 016

**SCR 77/SR 44 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS, IN
CONJUNCTION WITH THE COUNTY OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF WATER
SUPPLY, TO PROVIDE A PROGRESS REPORT REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT
OF THE KAU WATER SYSTEM**

March 11, 2020

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Chair Kahele, and members of the Committees:

The Department of Hawaiian Home lands (DHHL) submits comments on these resolutions requesting DHHL, in conjunction with the County of Hawaii Department of Water Supply to provide a progress report regarding the development of the Kau water system. These resolutions are unnecessary because DHHL can provide the information requested as it becomes available.

The current update on the status of the project is as follows:

- Construction budget available: \$1.5 million
- 4 bids received on March 5, 2020
- Bids are being evaluated for Phase 1 and 2 water system improvements to be operated and maintained by the County of Hawaii
- It appears that an additional \$2.0-\$2.2. million is required to construct Phase 1; 100,000 gallon water tank/tank site improvements and Phase 2; four PRV stations.
- Proposed Phase 3; subdivision, waterline, water meters, fire protection etc. estimated to cost \$10-\$12 million
- DHHL is continuing to work with County of Hawaii Department of Water Supply on MOA to provide water service to all 25 pastoral lessees

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.