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TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM J. AILA, JR, CHAIRMAN
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
HEARING ON JUNE 25, 2020 AT 12:32PM IN CR 016

**SR 130 URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO IMPROVE
ACCESS TO HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS AND OTHER TRUST ASSETS TO ITS
NATIVE HAWAIIAN BENEFICIARIES**

June 23, 2020

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Kahele, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) submits comments on this resolution urging DHHL to improve access to Hawaiian Home Lands and other trust assets to its native Hawaiian beneficiaries. DHHL appreciates the motivation behind this resolution, but believes the resolution is unnecessary because the Hawaiian Homes Commission issued over 300 acres of land between five homestead associations or beneficiary organizations on three different islands since July 2019. One homestead association has partnered with a Hawaii-based company and was pursuing special purpose revenue bonds during this legislative session to provide loan financing (SB3142, SD1). In addition, DHHL already has administrative rules that became effective August 25, 2018 defining beneficiary consultation and DHHL continues to prepare extensive reports on a monthly basis to the HHC. An example from June 2020 can be viewed here: <https://dhhl.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/June-16-2020-HHC-Agenda-Teleconference-Packet-Updated1.pdf>.

DHHL would like to note the following issue for consideration by this Committee. The third whereas clause references that “fewer than one hundred thousand homesteads have been resettled.” DHHL is unsure if the author intended to note that fewer than ten thousand homesteads have been resettled.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rayne Kauhi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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