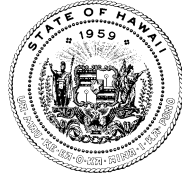


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**HB 545, HD1 RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT**

February 11, 2021

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Matayoshi, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) submits comments on this bill that requires DHHL to digitize its applicant, beneficiary, and lessee records and create a usable digital database no later than 7/1/2022.

DHHL began implementing an electronic document imaging system in June 2013 that converted applicant and lessee records to digital media. Staff training began in 2019, and the neighbor island offices have access to DHHL's electronic record system. This significantly improved accessibility for DHHL's neighbor island offices. The primary purpose of the document management system is to easily store, access, track, and share documents from a secure and central location. The goal is to provide better customer service and create a more efficient use of staff time. It will also allow for the preservation of the original documents. This existing system can always be improved if additional resources are available as long as it doesn't affect the priorities identified in the Governor's Executive Budget request.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

**HB-545-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/10/2021 3:05:23 PM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Pilialoa Callahan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of this bill as it sounds like it will make an efficient change to the process but I hope that we also keep written records of this information as digital technology isnt always 100% reliable in terms of access, glitches and servers going down happen from time to time and I would hate to digitize everyones information and if anything were to happen to the internet, their information lost.

**HB-545-HD-1**

Submitted on: 2/11/2021 5:35:04 AM

Testimony for JHA on 2/11/2021 2:00:00 PM

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Comments:

Aloha

I support Hb 545.

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