



**SCR185 SD1**

RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE HAWAIIAN HOMES  
COMMISSION ACT OF 1920, AS AMENDED

Ke Kōmike Hale o ka Ho‘okolokolo a me ke Kuleana Hawai‘i  
House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

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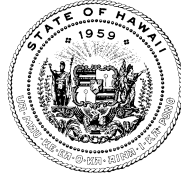
The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** SCR185 SD1, which recognizes the centennial celebration of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA).

On this centennial anniversary of the enactment of the HHCA, OHA recognizes and appreciates the core, culturally-based foundation of the HHCA, as one rooted in aloha ‘āina. **The HHCA’s fundamental purpose of returning Native Hawaiians to the land as a means of rehabilitating the Native Hawaiian people is a mission that OHA continues to value and support today.** Toward this end, OHA works in partnership with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) on a number of advocacy, outreach, and beneficiary support initiatives, and has also made a 30-year, \$3 million per year commitment to support DHHL’s debt service obligations. In recognizing the great accomplishments made over the last one hundred years since the enactment of the HHCA in the fulfillment of its mission, OHA also notes that there is also much work to be done. OHA remains committed to working in partnership with DHHL to rehabilitate and meet the needs of our shared beneficiaries.

Accordingly, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** SCR185 SD1. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT OF 1920, AS AMENDED**

April 5, 2021

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

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) submits testimony in strong support of this resolution recognizing the Centennial Celebration of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, as amended (HHCA). The Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC) adopted Resolution No. 303 recognizing the Centennial Celebration of the HHCA at the Commission meeting in March last year. Resolution No. 303 provides the legislative history of the HHCA signed on July 9, 1921 and noted that Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole (Prince Kūhiō) as a delegate to the United States Congress, was not a voting member of that body. Resolution No. 303 recognized the Centennial Celebration of the HHCA to commence on July 9, 2021 thru June 8, 2022.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.