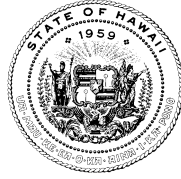


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TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM J. AILA, JR, CHAIRMAN  
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION  
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
HEARING ON MARCH 11, 2021 AT 1:00PM VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

**SCR 59/SR 41 URGING THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION TO APPROPRIATE  
ONE HUNDRED PER CENT OF LEASE REVENUES FROM COMMERCIAL  
PROPERTY USES TO HOMELAND LOT DEVELOPMENT**

March 11, 2021

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

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) submits comments on these resolutions urging the Hawaiian Homes Commission to appropriate one hundred per cent of lease revenues from commercial property uses to homeland lot development. DHHL appreciates the motivation behind these resolutions and notes that HAR § 10-2-19 details the duties of commissioners as trustees to: (1) act exclusively in the interest of beneficiaries under the act; (2) hold and protect the trust property for beneficiaries under the act; (3) exercise such care and skill as a person of ordinary prudence would exercise in dealing with one's own property in the management of Hawaiian home lands; and (4) adhere to the terms of the trust as set forth in the act. The Hawaiian Home Lands Recovery Act defines a beneficiary as a native Hawaiian under section 201(7) of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act. Thus, the Commission must keep these duties of a trustee to the beneficiaries when making decisions.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

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Testimony for HWN on 3/11/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kaikea K. Blakemore	Testifying for Neighborhood Place of Puna	Support	No

Comments:

Over half of the families Neighborhood Place of Puna serves at our family shelter are Native Hawaiian. Often in housing coalitions HHL is mentioned as if this will be the only department to address Native Hawaiian disproportionate homelessness. 50% of Native Hawaiians no longer live in Hawaii primarily because it is not affordable enough to do so.

Not only should all revenue from HHL lands leased to non-benefactors go to addressing the mass housing crisis and mass inequities of our community, but HHL leases should be reviewed. Charging \$1/year for commercial enterprises to lease this land is an insult to the Hawaiian people suffering without adequate affordable housing stock.

Kaikea K. Blakemore