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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 54/SR 36 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO
CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS AND PROVIDE DATA ON THE NUMBER OF
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS BENEFICIARIES WHO HAVE
APPLIED FOR AND NEED HOUSING IN EACH COUNTY, BY INCOME
CLASSIFICATION AND UNIT TYPE**

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

The Department of Hawaiian Home lands (DHHL) submits comments on these resolutions requesting DHHL conduct an analysis and provide data on the number of DHHL beneficiaries who have applied for and need housing in each county, by income classification and unit type. DHHL appreciates the motivation behind these resolutions, but believes the resolutions are unnecessary because DHHL conducts beneficiary studies of applicants and lessees approximately every five years. DHHL just completed a beneficiary study dated December 30, 2020 and specifically requested that SMS consider the analysis requested in this resolution based on SCR176/SR129 (2020). Attached to this testimony is the data reflecting the information requested. The 2020 DHHL beneficiary study can be accessed here: <https://dhhl.hawaii.gov/po/beneficiary-studies-and-surveys/2020-dhhl-beneficiary-survey/>.

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.

Table 14. Total Units Needed for DHHL Applicants

	Total Units Needed for DHHL Applicants								
	HUD Income Classification								Total
	LT 30	30 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 80	80 to 120	120 to 140	140 to 180	180+	
State of Hawaii	3,499	3,234	2,779	3,033	3,859	2,372	2,768	3,211	24,753
Ownership Units	2,148	2,320	2,005	2,305	2,842	1,773	2,089	2,453	17,936
Single-Family	2,132	2,292	1,969	2,272	2,813	1,735	2,055	2,421	17,689
Multi-Family	16	28	36	32	30	38	34	33	246
Rental Units	1,351	914	774	728	1,016	599	678	757	6,817
Single-Family	512	366	240	289	312	132	141	120	2,113
Multi-Family	839	547	534	439	704	467	537	637	4,704
Honolulu	1,864	2,113	2,053	1,569	2,115	1,468	1,346	1,638	14,166
Ownership Units	1,096	1,550	1,474	1,231	1,548	1,088	1,046	1,301	10,333
Single-Family	1,095	1,527	1,453	1,210	1,532	1,058	1,022	1,281	10,179
Multi-Family	0	23	21	21	15	29	25	20	154
Rental Units	768	563	579	338	568	380	300	337	3,832
Single-Family	304	278	176	132	166	77	66	52	1,250
Multi-Family	464	286	403	206	402	303	234	285	2,582
Maui	672	454	466	384	597	328	460	580	3,940
Ownership Units	451	339	346	270	446	261	376	434	2,924
Single-Family	441	340	341	270	437	257	372	425	2,883
Multi-Family	10	0	5	0	9	4	4	9	41
Rental Units	221	115	120	114	151	67	84	146	1,017
Single-Family	63	27	37	27	34	10	10	21	230
Multi-Family	158	88	83	86	117	56	74	125	787
Hawaii	774	465	133	887	915	437	784	827	5,222
Ownership Units	465	280	84	656	646	301	538	587	3,558
Single-Family	459	276	79	651	641	297	533	583	3,517
Multi-Family	6	5	6	6	5	5	5	4	41
Rental Units	309	185	49	231	268	136	247	240	1,126
Single-Family	131	40	21	117	103	45	52	29	537
Multi-Family	178	145	28	113	166	91	195	211	1,127
Kauai	189	201	127	193	232	139	177	167	1,425
Ownership Units	137	150	101	147	203	123	129	131	1,121
Single-Family	137	150	96	141	203	123	129	131	1,110
Multi-Family	0	0	5	6	0	0	0	0	10
Rental Units	52	51	27	46	29	17	48	35	304
Single-Family	14	22	6	13	9	0	13	19	96
Multi-Family	38	29	21	33	20	17	35	16	208

Source: DHHL Applicant Survey 2020. Rental units include Single-family rent with option to buy, and Condo or Townhouse Rental unit with option to buy. HUD classification by island of residence, except for Out-of-State then application island is used.