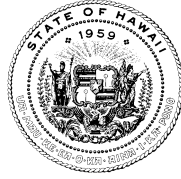


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**HR 112 REQUESTING THE STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CREATE A
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS HOUSING CONSTRUCTION
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

March 23, 2022

Aloha Chair Kobayashi, Vice Chair Mizuno, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home lands (DHHL) respectfully submits testimony in opposition to this resolution requesting the State House of Representatives to create a DHHL housing construction oversight committee.

DHHL is grateful to the House leadership for the bold proposal to appropriate \$600 million to enable beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homelands trust to acquire their own homes. This resolution would erroneously enforce a deadline for the construction and development of affordable housing when HB2511 originally envisioned this funding for acquisition, not construction. In addition, the current version of the measure, HB2511, HD2, already requires DHHL to submit an annual report to the Legislature that includes an accounting of the expenditures from the native Hawaiian rehabilitation fund for the purposes of this Act in the previous fiscal year and the number of applicants on the waiting list assisted.

DHHL requests this committee to either hold or defer this measure. Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.