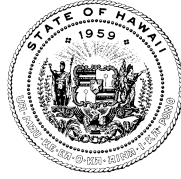


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**HCR 116/HR 116 REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A LAND TRANSFER TASK
FORCE TO REVIEW CERTAIN LANDS FOR EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS AND DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND
NATURAL RESOURCES**

March 22, 2022

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Branco, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home lands (DHHL) submits comments on these resolutions requesting the convening of a land transfer task force to review certain lands for exchange between DHHL and DLNR. DHHL appreciates the motivation behind these resolutions, but notes that any land exchange of Hawaiian Home Lands would be subject to US Department of Interior oversight pursuant to 43 CFR Part 47 and approval by the Secretary of the Interior or the individual to whom the authority and responsibilities of the Secretary have been delegated.

DHHL requests an amendment to the resolutions to replace “The Homestead Services Administrator of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands” on page 2, lines 22-23 with “The Planning Office Administrator of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.”

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.