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TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM J. AILA, JR, CHAIRMAN
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
HEARING ON FEBRUARY 15, 2022 AT 1:00PM VIA VIDECONFERENCE

SB 1281 RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT

February 15, 2022

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

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) submits comments on this bill that requires DHHL to release to beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, quarterly reports that contain certain information on leases and fiscal matters.

DHHL prepares extensive reports on a monthly basis that can be accessed through DHHL's website. An example from January 2022 can be viewed here: <https://dttl.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/January-18-19-2022-HHC-Packet.pdf>. These reports include but are not limited to the following:

- Homestead Lease & Application Totals and Monthly Activity Reports
- Delinquency Report Statewide and Delinquency Ratio Report by Island
- Consents to Mortgages for FHA, VA, USDA RD, HUD184A, and conventional loans
- Ratification of Loan Approvals
- Homestead Application Transfers/Cancellations
- Certification of Applications of Qualified Applicants
- Approval of Designation of Successors
- Approval of Assignment of Leasehold Interest
- Approval of Amendment of Leasehold Interest
- Approval to Issue a Non-Exclusive License for Rooftop Photovoltaic Systems for Certain Lessees

DHHL also prepares annual reports that can be viewed here: <https://dttl.hawaii.gov/newsroom/annual-reports/> and an independent financial and compliance audit of DHHL is being completed annually and can be accessed here: <https://investorrelations.hawaii.gov/dttl/dttl-annual-audited-financial-statements/>. Additionally, DHHL submits reports on non-general fund information annually that can be accessed here: <https://budget.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/HHL.pdf>.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kimeona Kane	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

aloha nui kākou,

Please support this bill and strengthen the relationship between the DHHL and the Native Hawaiian Beneficiaries they serve. These reports will empower kanaka to a better sense and understanding of how DDHL is working and hopefully encourages creative opportunities to work on getting beneficiaries into forever homes.

Mahalo nui,
Kimeona Kane