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TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM J. AILA, JR, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
HEARING ON FEBRUARY 1, 2022 AT 1:00PM VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

SB 2567 RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIAN BENEFICIARIES

February 1, 2022

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Chair Moriwaki, and members of the Committees:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) submits comments on this bill that requires DHHL to digitize its applicant, beneficiary, and lessee records by creating an interactive digital database software program to be completed and available for use no later than 7/1/2023.

DHHL began implementing an electronic document imaging system in June 2013 that converted applicant and lessee records to digital media. Staff training began in 2019, and the neighbor island offices have access to DHHL's electronic record system. This significantly improved accessibility for DHHL's neighbor island offices. The primary purpose of the document management system is to easily store, access, track, and share documents from a secure and central location. The goal is to provide better customer service and create a more efficient use of staff time. It will also allow for the preservation of the original documents. This existing system can always be improved if additional resources are available as long as it doesn't affect the priorities identified in the Governor's Executive Budget request.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

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Submitted on: 1/26/2022 7:20:17 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/1/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
josephine tanimoto	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

Aloha. My name is Ms. Jojo Tanimoto. I am a Lessee living on the Big Island.

At this point, I cannot say whether I support or Oppose; because this is the first I've heard about it.

I can agree that accessing this type of information is difficult and frustrating.

What this Bill does not include is: 1-Who besides staff at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands will be able to access this type of information, and

2-What other private information will be made accessible.

Mahalo

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Submitted on: 1/30/2022 10:33:37 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/1/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Support

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Submitted on: 1/30/2022 10:38:48 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/1/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Claire Kamalu Carroll	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

As a Native Hawaiian and generational resident of Hana Maui, I am writing in support of SB2567. It is important that we take these steps in moving forward to help our community in getting this information into a database and improve the process, July 1, 2023 should be a good goal to get this launched.

Mahalo nui,

Claire Kamlau Carroll

Resident of Hana Maui

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Submitted on: 1/31/2022 10:47:07 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/1/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Faith Tuipulotu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB 2567.