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TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM J. AILA, JR, CHAIRMAN
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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
HEARING ON MARCH 22, 2022 AT 2:00PM VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

SB 3247, SD2, HD1, RELATING TO HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

March 22, 2022

Aloha Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Matayoshi, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) submits comments on this bill that requires DHHL to develop a strategic plan to meet certain housing preferences of individuals on the DHHL applicant waitlist and requires DHHL to submit the strategic plan to the legislature no later than 12/10/2022. DHHL appreciates the motivation behind this bill, but notes that DHHL has administrative rules related to DHHL's planning system that consists of a three-tier hierarchy of plans. Tier 1 is the top tier consisting of the general plan and shall establish overall policy. Tier 2 and Tier 3 are the lower tiers guided by the general plan that focuses with increasing specificity on programs or geographic areas. DHHL is currently developing an update for the 2002 DHHL General Plan, which will establish a vision and policies that guide statewide land management and DHHL programs for the next 20 years. Given that this process is currently underway with a goal of adopting the 2022 DHHL General Plan by the end of this year, this bill is unnecessary.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.