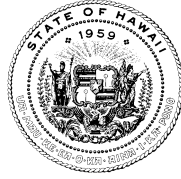


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**SCR 46, SD1, REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO
CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE CREATION OF AN ENFORCEMENT
DIVISION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS**

April 21, 2022

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

The Department of Hawaiian Home lands (DHHL) supports this resolution requesting DHHL conduct a feasibility study on the creation of an enforcement division for DHHL.

The Hawaiian Homes Commission approved a legislative proposal establishing a compliance and enforcement program within the Department to investigate complaints, conduct investigations, and cooperate with enforcement authorities to ensure compliance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended and rules adopted thereunder. Through the review process on whether to include this proposal in the Administration's legislative package, the Department of the Attorney General explained that a proposal from the Department of Public Safety to consolidate state law enforcement could be a better first step by utilizing the resources of a new Department of Law Enforcement for the State. This continues to be a viable option as the House bill is continuing through the legislative process.

While a Department of Law Enforcement consolidating and administering criminal law enforcement and investigation functions of the State could assist DHHL, this feasibility study including any necessary proposed legislation would also inform the best approach to addressing illegal activity occurring on Hawaiian Home Lands that threaten the health and safety of the community.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.