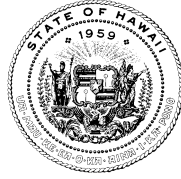


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**SCR 46/SR 41 REQUESTING THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION TO CONDUCT
A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE CREATION OF AN ENFORCEMENT DIVISION FOR
THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS**

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

The Department of Hawaiian Home lands (DHHL) supports these resolutions requesting the Hawaiian Homes Commission conduct a feasibility study on the creation of an enforcement division for DHHL. DHHL recommends that the resolution be amended to request DHHL conduct a feasibility study, not the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

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, a proposal from the Department of Public Safety to consolidate state law enforcement was thought to 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 both the House and Senate bill are 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.