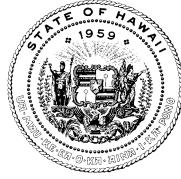


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**SCR 91/SR 81 URGING THE UNITED STATES TO SATISFY ITS OBLIGATIONS TO
THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS AND THE HAWAIIAN HOME
LANDS TRUST UNDER THE HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS RECOVERY ACT**

March 24, 2022

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

The Department of Hawaiian Home lands (DHHL) supports these resolutions urging the United States to satisfy its obligations to DHHL and the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust under the Hawaiian Home Lands Recovery Act (HHLRA).

In 1995, Congress passed the HHLRA authorizing the transfer of certain federal lands to DHHL to provide for a full settlement of claims against the United States for its taking and continued use of lands set aside as “available lands” under the Hawaiian for Homes Commission Act. While some lands were transferred, there remains an outstanding balance of lands to be conveyed or funding owed as detailed on the Office of Native Hawaiian Relations website that can be viewed here:
<https://www.doi.gov/hawaiian/home-lands-recovery-settlement>.

The recent transfer of the 80-acre parcel of surplus federal property at the former NOAA Pacific Tsunami Warning Center on Oahu for inclusion in the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust partially satisfies this outstanding obligation. These resolutions express the urgency of finalizing these longstanding issues.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.