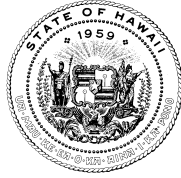


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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND
THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
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**SB 1357, SD 1 RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON HAWAIIAN HOME
LANDS**

March 3, 2023

Aloha Chair Rhoads, Chair Dela Cruz, and members of the Committees:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) strongly supports this bill that makes permanent Act 141, Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, which requires the counties to issue affordable housing credits to DHHL upon request and makes permanent Act 98, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, which requires the counties to issue affordable housing credits for each residential unit developed by DHHL. This bill was approved by the Hawaiian Homes Commission and included in the Governor's administrative package at the request of our Department.

Affordable housing credits have provided DHHL greater opportunities to gain resources to develop homesteads. Since Act 141 was passed by the Legislature in 2009, this program has been very successful for DHHL. Unfortunately, this program is set to repeal in 2024. By making this program permanent, DHHL can continue to utilize affordable housing credits to provide affordable housing opportunities for our beneficiaries at no cost to the State. For example, this program allowed for a reduction in the price of housing units offered by homebuilders on Hawaiian home lands. It could also be used for the purchase of additional land in a location that beneficiaries are interested in, but for which DHHL currently does not have available land.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.



March 1, 2023

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB1357, SD1
Decision Making by the Senate Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means
March 3, 2023 at 10 a.m.
Via Video Conference/Conference Room 211

Aloha Chairs Rhoads and Dela Cruz, Vice Chairs Gabbard and Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committees:

As a longtime supporter of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (“DHHL”) and its efforts to get its beneficiaries on its lands, I am testifying in strong support of SB1357, SD1 which makes permanent the affordable housing credit program for DHHL.

Affordable housing credits utilized by DHHL allows it to provide affordable housing opportunities for its beneficiaries at no cost to the State. It also allows DHHL to purchase additional land in locations that beneficiaries are interested in but where DHHL has no land in the area. Affordable housing credits also results in a reduction in price of housing units offered by homebuilders on Hawaiian home lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB1357, SD1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Everett R. Dowling".

Everett R. Dowling
President

SB-1357-SD-1

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