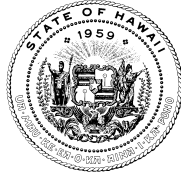


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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
HEARING ON FEBRUARY 2, 2023 AT 1:00PM IN CR 224

SB 740, RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIAN BENEFICIARIES

February 2, 2023

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

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) submits testimony in support of this measure which requires DHHL to digitize its applicant, beneficiary, and lessee records by creating an interactive digital database software program to be completed and available for use no later than July 1, 2024.

DHHL's Application Waitlists alphabetically or by island is available on DHHL's website. To modernize the DHHL information systems, DHHL recommends that a consultant be hired to assist in taking inventory of the needs and wants of all the information systems. DHHL would then create a phased implementation plan, ensuring integration between systems. This will create a clear IT roadmap to follow. This initial consultant cost is estimated at \$100,000 to \$200,000 and will take up to one year to complete once awarded.

Thereafter, Phase I of the implementation plan is expected to include some of the client services applications (which replaces the legacy Applicant/Lessee System and Mortgage Loan System) and if possible, a Land Inventory upon which all the other systems should be based on. DHHL wants to ensure that it creates an integrated information system and not just stand-alone applications or systems. It is estimated that Phase 1 will cost \$3,000,000 due to the highly customized nature of the applications that need to be integrated. The estimated time frame is 2 to 4 years and will require intensive staff involvement. Additional staff is likely necessary in order to sufficiently maintain each module of the new system, but such personnel needs have not been assessed. DHHL expects that recommendations as to the number of support personnel will be part of consultant's function in assisting DHHL formulate its implementation plan.

This bill should be amended to provide adequate time and funding for development of a phased implementation plan detailing the next steps and additional funding, personnel, and time required.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.



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Date: January 31, 2023

To: Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Fr: SCHHA Policy Committee, Chaired by KipuKai Kualii
Staffed by Rolina Faagai, SCHHA Policy Analyst

Re: SB 740 – Digitization - Comment

The Sovereign Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations (SCHHA) is a 36-year-old hui of Homestead Associations located across the state, from Kauai to Hawaii Island. We are an HHCA beneficiary organization of experienced leaders, on the waitlist and residing in homestead communities. SCHHA is duly registered with the U.S. Department of Interior as a federally defined homestead association under 43CFR Part 47/48, representing the interests and provision of services to our homestead and waitlist communities with a service area of the entire Hawaiian Home Loan Trust of 203,000 acres statewide.

SCHHA agrees that record digitization is always important for any agency of government, however, disagrees with the contention that the reason to digitize records is to prevent abuses by native Hawaiians.

Thank you. For additional information, please email policy@hawaiianhomesteads.org

SB-740

Submitted on: 1/30/2023 7:10:29 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/2/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kenneth R. Conklin, Ph.D.	Testifying for Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Amend.

This is a great idea. But creating an interactive digital database software program is something DHHL should have done long ago, and is a specialized project which they should now do without additional money. You already gave them \$600 Million last year, and they are having trouble figuring out how to spend it. Pass this bill to give them a shove in the right direction, but remove the part pertaining to "Appropriates moneys."



HUI KAKO'O 'ĀINA HO'OPULAPULA

"Let the people flourish on the land."

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Thursday, February 2, 2023; 1:00 pm

By
Elmer Ka'ai
President and Chair
Hui Kako'o 'Āina Ho'opulapula

SB 740 – Relating to Native Hawaiian Beneficiaries.

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Fevella and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure.

Hui Kako'o 'Āina Ho'opulapula (Hui Kako'o) has no official position on this measure; however, believes that any initiative that will assist in increasing the department's efficiency is worth exploring.

Hui Kako'o note that background as described in Section 1 that serves as the purpose for the interactive database should not be reason for this initiative. From our perspective, the main purpose for this initiative is purely about providing clear, transparent, current and timely information.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on SB 740, and encourage passage to continue the discussion.

Hui Kako'o 'Āina Ho'opulapula is a volunteer community non-profit organization focusing on advocating for waitlist beneficiaries of the Hawaiian home land trust. Our organization was established in December 1994; however, our roots started with a small group of DHHL waitlist beneficiaries meeting in 1992 to provide a voice from their perspectives.

SB-740

Submitted on: 1/30/2023 8:19:37 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/2/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dana Keawe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly support SB740

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Submitted on: 1/31/2023 10:17:52 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/2/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jo-Anne Aiwohi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In support

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Submitted on: 2/1/2023 12:59:16 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/2/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Maile Lu'uwai	Testifying for Keaukaha Pana'ewa Farmers Association	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

We support SB740. The digitization of DHHL records will benefit both DHHL staff and beneficiaries. We disagree with the negative mischaracterization that the bill will prevent abuse by native Hawaiians.

Mahalo,

Maile Lu'uwai/ President / Keaukaha Pana'ewa Farmers Association

[KPFA is a Hawaiian Homestead Association representing agricultural beneficiaries in Pana'ewa, South Hilo, Hawai'i Island]

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Submitted on: 2/1/2023 7:45:57 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/2/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marlene Kamuela Purdy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Marlene K. Purdy, support SB740. Upgrading DHHL technology is a must. This process will allow the beneficiaries digitized records to be easily available. Mahalo!