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Testimony for JHA on 4/2/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jade Alohalani Smith	Wakiu Community Development Corporation	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HCB 196. I'm in support 110 %. I would like to add my reasons for this Resolution to assist in helping us in East Maui, for housing needs. My concerns are as follows:

1. Negative impacts to our existing County, State and National fiscal and infrastructural highways, bridges, Schools and Parks. The over whelming tourist industry are pushing our community out of their space and place to function as family for gathering.
2. Our Kupuna has minimal access to medical and Hospice care. Most times they are flown out for better care. They deserve their own place and space to live their lives in dignity, instead of living in crowded home conditions and being neglected because the families are too busy working.
3. The already rising Property market values going up to \$2 - \$3 million is far fetch for many. Also the worst part is the possibility that awardees from the outside may decide to sell their homes due to financial hardships with the lack of jobs or realize they really can't live in Hana.
4. Majority of our economic working group consist of poor to middle class with minimum wages will pose competition. Hana has a lack of jobs on top of that and some, like me my Husband and grand daughter, has to travel to Central maui on a daily routine. Others travel to the westside too.
5. Existing living conditions consists of 4-5 generations in a home. It's so critical to support these Family (s) to have quality in being happy and healthy.
6. Hana's remoteness for disaster needs are critical like floods, land slides, Hurricane, fires and so on yet, we are the minority for response.
7. The natural resources, culture and the unique traditional character are well maintained that outsiders could pose a detrimental compromise unintentionally by not understanding the engaging practices to live or exist in Hana. Possibly depleting our resources by not truly understanding to perpetuate our life style for taro farming, gathering and hunting purposes.

Theres so much more but I hope these will help.

The Solution in supporting this Resolution?

Is to push the Award Preference of tracing at least 3-generations for the equity of family for generational wealth by making an administration rule change to set the precedence for an amendment for lineal descendants for those who live and work in Hana or create a way of applying a pre-qualifying criteria consideration with the Honouaiakea Project for setting the precedence.

Thank you for your time and attention to this critical matter.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
PrincesLehuanani Kumaewakainakaleomomona	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Happy April Fools Day...4/1/24

Aloha to all concerned,

I was just informed of this hearing HCR196. I totally agree to assisting WAITLISTERS as myself,

whom ancestors comes out of KEANAE HANA MAUI NUI. I am a WAITLISTERS out of MAUI NUI since 1993... The Year of the APOLOGY BILL. Over 30 years I have been waiting, I'm now 62 and still waiting for DHHL 1920 awarded lands vs my Hana ancestors lands, I'm am DISPLACEDEVICTED....REMOVED.....KICKED OUT from the SACRED LANDS OF MY MAUI ANCESOTORS calling me back home to them.....from our KALEO TO KAINA DIRECT BLOODLINE and STOP ISLAND WIDE TRANSFERS TO MAUI NUI, having NO MANA and NO RESPECT TO THOSE FROM THERE AS WE ARE FACING ON MAUI MOUNT KAHIKINUI.

Being on DHHL DEATH LIST for over 30 years to enough torment and torture for our GOD GOVERN GENERATION. We have suffered enough for all to see 7 generations DHHL homelessness is unacceptable and unforgivable for our next generation to face.

Please place me on my 1920 DHHL promised awarded lamds BEFORE I DIE....US 🇺🇸 JP.... Youall owe it to my next 7 GOD KU KANAKA MAOLI GOVERNED GENERATION.

Mahalo

Princeslehuanani Kumaewakainakaleomomona

1993 WAITLISTER MAUI NUI

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Testimony for JHA on 4/2/2024 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mary Ann Kahana	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha my name is Mary Ann Kahana and I would like to support bill HCR 196 REGARDING ALTERNATIVE WAITLIST AND AWARD PRIORITIZATION BASED ON LINEAL AND GENERATIONAL DESCENDANCY FOR HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS LOCATED IN HANA, MAUI. I am from the Pi'ilani lineage and it is very important that those who have strong ties, rooted to Hana have first preference especially having multigenerational homes still trying to remain on our descendant's homeland.

I have been on the waiting list since 1985 for Maui list and my desire is to pass on a piece of Hana to one of my daughter since it is too late for me to start over and acquire land or house lot. But am in full support of HCR 196 and to support future generations of Hana who have endure the struggles in this rural community by dealing with rich newcomers who have overtaken our Ahupua'a and so my thought is Wakiu Hawaiian Homelands will the descendants of Hana in remaining home especially those who have been in Hana for generations.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Scott Crawford	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a resident of Hana, I strong support this resolution.

It doesn't make sense to develop Hawaiian homelands for people who have no connection to Hana, while leaving Hawaiians in Hana without land and homes.

Prioritizing the development to serve Hawaiians who have a connection to Hana makes a lot of sense.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Donna Dean Sterling	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In support of this resolution

The clear path to sustaining an economically and keeping Hana residents in Hana with their jobs is essential. You award to outsiders with no jobs will highly seek and get jobs in Hana town taking the opportunities away from those who have been established in Hana via lineal ties.

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Thank you for this opportunity to testify on HCR 196. I am 100 % in support of this bill because I feel there is an urgent need in Maui Hikina (East Maui) for housing needs for the generations of families all living in one household and living space.

Lack of housing, and the desire to continue to live in Hāna in the lifestyle of our kupuna is a hard choice to make for many. One needs to weigh the benefits of continued generational learning and practicing traditional and cultural practices against making a livable wage to afford purchasing a home to start and raise a family. For those who choose to stay in Hāna, this means finding a job that will earn you a living that supports yourself and your future family. Every newly wed couple is faced with the situation of finding a home to live and raise a family...for some this means continue living at home, with mom, dad, often times with grandparents, and perhaps even other siblings and their families... THIS IS and has been the scenario for at least the last 50 years...I know because I've lived this lifestyle, and I see it all around me. Households are busting at the seams, as children grow to adulthood and raise their own 'ohana.

We need DHHL to take care of the East Maui generational families. Don't open East Maui to those living elsewhere, because Hāna cannot support more people moving in. We need to mālama our generational Hawaiians who live, support and call Hāna home NOW! Afterwards, as other opportunities come up then open to others, but for now MĀLAMA KA PO'E O KE KAI'ĀULU O HĀNA!

Those Hawaiians who can trace their genealogy back 3 generations and qualify to be on the list for East Maui awards are vested and committed to living the Hāna lifestyle. They are ma'a or used to the lifestyle of no large stores, no nightlife (really), no fast food places, high cost of living, limited jobs, limited medical care, limited emergency response, and last but not the least, Hāna's remoteness in times of disasters like hurricanes, tsunamis, landslides, and fires.

My concerns:

Negative impacts to our existing County, State infrastructural highways, bridges, Schools and Parks as you plan for more people living in Hāna. We are already experiencing minimal access to medical care, even non-emergency visits like giving birth and IV for dehydration require a flight out on the air or regular ambulance.

I fear the influx of new people to Hāna will create competition for our already stressed workforce situation. Most of our economic working group consist of poor to middle class with minimum wages, and succession is difficult since most will usually stay in one job until retirement age. Worst case scenario is if a person getting a DHHL award in Hāna, moves here, can't adjust to the lifestyle, can't get a job, THEN decides to sell their award due to financial hardships of living in Hāna.

Community based nonprofit organizations in Hāna have committed decades of work to sustainably managing our natural resources and traditional practices for gathering. There is a chance outsiders could pose a detrimental compromise albeit unintentionally, by not understanding the "traditions" and practices to live or exist in Hana. Possibly depleting our resources by not understanding the need to preserve and perpetuate our lifestyle of taro farming, gathering and hunting.

I implore you to look at the benefits of ALTERNATIVE WAITLIST AND AWARD PRIORITIZATION BASED ON LINEAL AND GENERATIONAL DESCENDANCY FOR HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS LOCATED IN HANA, MAUI.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Hauʻoli Kahaleuahi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of HCR 196.

I support this Resolution for a variety of reasons:

- Property prices are extremely high and out-of-range for most, if not all, of our descendants here in Hana. Having the opportunity for descendants to live on Hawaiian Homelands will allow for our people to not only live here but also thrive for generations to come.
- Multi-generational homes are very common here in Hana. If these ohana wish to move out of one home, they should have the option to do so especially being descendants of this place. Our first or only option shouldn't be to move away from Hana.
- As we know Hana is very remote and isolated. We should focus on healthy, safe housing for the people from here first before opening the "flood gates" for people from other communities and islands. With limited, strained and even sometimes non-existing resources like those critical for emergency responses, we need to prioritize taking care of the people, young and old, already from this place.

Mahalo nui again for providing the space for this testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Bailey Spry	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Bailey Spry, and I am writing in support of this resolution. I am not Native Hawaiian and have lived in Hāna only 10 years, but I understand the importance of prioritizing lineal descendants of Hāna in the DHHL homestead awards. Like elsewhere on Maui, there is an intensifying housing crisis in Hāna. Maintaining the current quota for award prioritization could potentially exacerbate this crisis in Hāna by bringing outside families into East Maui while Hawaiian households in Hāna become increasingly overcrowded. Basing waitlist prioritization and awards on lineal and generational descendants IS the culturally appropriate option, and is the responsibility of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. Mahalo.