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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 2645, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO COMPLIANCE ON HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS
Before the Senate Committees on Ways and Means and Judiciary
Thursday, February 22, 2024; 9:46 a.m.
State Capitol Conference Room 211, Via Videoconference

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Chairs Dela Cruz and Rhoads, Vice Chairs Moriwaki and Gabbard, and members of the Committees:

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) submits the following comments on Senate Bill 2645, Senate Draft 1.

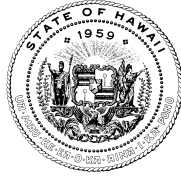
This bill establishes a compliance and enforcement program within the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) to investigate complaints, conduct investigations, and cooperate with enforcement authorities to ensure compliance with all state laws and rules and county ordinances applicable to Hawaiian Homelands.

While DLE understands the intent of this bill, the DLE believes that a division within DLE should be established and funded by DHHL to provide funding and direction similar to the transportation division within the DLE that is funded and directed by DOT.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on this bill.

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TESTIMONY OF KALI WATSON, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND
THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
HEARING ON FEBRUARY 22, 2024 AT 9:46AM IN CR 211

SB 2645, SD1, RELATING TO COMPLIANCE ON HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

February 22, 2024

Aloha Chairs Dela Cruz and Rhoads, Vice Chairs Moriwaki and Gabbard, and Members of the Committees:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) strongly supports this bill which 1) establishes a compliance and enforcement program within the DHHL to investigate complaints, conduct investigations, and cooperate with enforcement authorities to ensure compliance with laws; 2) declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded; and 3) makes an appropriation.

DHHL considers the health and safety of homestead communities to be a top priority. Illegal activity occurring on Hawaiian Home Lands (HHL) threatens the health and safety of the community. Responses to these issues by law enforcement, however, are inconsistent across the different counties. DHHL supports better coordination between state and county law enforcement, and sufficient enforcement personnel dedicated to HHL.

Funds appropriated to the DHHL for the compliance and enforcement program would be used to fill at least five (5) FTE positions, as well as resources for training and equipment. The DHHL manages a little over 200,000 acres of land and much of which is located on neighbor islands such as Hawai'i island. Many beneficiaries who reside on HHL on the neighbor islands have expressed a strong desire to have compliance and enforcement program personnel who can reside and serve on their respective islands, and quickly and efficiently address beneficiary concerns with a keen understanding of the homestead communities that they are meant to serve.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 5:21:46 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/22/2024 9:46:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dennis L. Neves	Testifying for Hawaiian Homes Commissioner-Kaua'i	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of this bill.



LATE

February 22, 2024

LKINCAID "MANA" OLAYAN
President/Director

GAIL S OLAYAN and PASTOR SHANE KALANI
Vice President/Director

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Secretary/Director

**TESTIMONY OF GOD FORGIVES BAD BOYS AND BAD GIRLS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
JUDICIARY HEARING ON FEBRUARY 22, 2024, AT 9:46AM IN CR 211 SB 2645, SD1, RELATING
TO COMPLIANCE ON HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS**

Aloha Chairs Dela Cruz and Rhoads, Vice Chairs Moriwaki and Gabbard, and
Members of the Committees:

God Forgives Bad Boys and Bad Girls, LKincaid Mana Olayan, President and our Board strongly supports this bill which in establishing a compliance and enforcement program within the DHHL to investigate complaints, investigations, and cooperate with enforcement authorities to ensure compliance with laws in the Hawaiian Homesteads. We have established Neighborhood Security Watch teams that walks through the Homestead of Nanakuli, Wai'anae and other communities in bringing the health and safety of homestead is a top priority. There are so many illegal activity on Hawaiian Homelands which threatens the health and safety of the community, kupuna and our keikis in the community. We witness many beneficiaries who reside on homesteads have strong express frustration and fear of the on-going illegal activity as drug distribution, gambling, trafficking as we patrol the areas nightly. We urge you for your consideration in supporting this bill but also funding the department with staff to create an enforcement team to be able to enforce all the illegal activity that have placed many beneficiaries to live unsafe in their own homes and community!

Thank you for your consideration!

LATE

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:08:09 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/22/2024 9:46:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lu Ann Mahiki Lankford-Faborito	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strong support to allow our homesteaders a safe community.

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 11:09:29 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/22/2024 9:46:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Mahiki Lankford	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strong support, allowing homesteaders kokua in their communities by this measure

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Submitted on: 2/21/2024 4:02:53 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/22/2024 9:46:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Germaine Meyers	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please vote in support of SB2645.