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Before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

February 12, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 430

In consideration of
H.B. 576
RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY UNDER
CHAPTER 201H, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES.

Chair Evslin, Vice Chair Miyake, and members of the Committee.

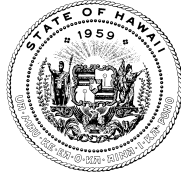
HHFDC supports HB 576, which exempts transfers of Hawaiian home lands from transfer restrictions for real property under Chapter 201H housing development programs.

Presently, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) projects using HHFDC programs are subject to transfer restrictions, such as buyback and shared appreciation restrictions. However, these restrictions may conflict with the objectives and requirements of DHHL programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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HEARING ON FEBRUARY 12, 2025 AT 9:00AM IN CR 430

**HB 576 RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY
UNDER CHAPTER 201H, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES**

February 11, 2025

Aloha Chair Evslin, Vice Chair Miyake, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) **strongly supports** this bill which exempts transfers of Hawaiian Home Lands from transfer restrictions under Chapter 201H housing development programs.

Developers who contract with DHHL to build housing on Hawaiian Home Lands access programs under Chapter 201H. Housing on Hawaiian Home Lands is governed by the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended (HHCA). This measure clarifies that transfers of Hawaiian Home Lands under the HHCA are exempt from Chapter 201H.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.