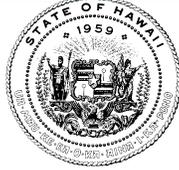


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Aloha Chair Evslin, Vice Chair Miyake, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) **supports** this resolution establishing a legislative working group for the continued oversight of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands' execution of funds appropriated by Act 279, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022.

DHHL appreciates that Act 125 was signed into law in 2024, affording DHHL more time and flexibility in the execution of the Act 279, SLH 2022 funds with a special fund account until June 30, 2026. DHHL stands ready to continue to provide updates to the House Working Group regarding the encumbrance of funds, the expenditure of funds, and the delivery of lots pursuant to Act 279, SLH 2022.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

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Testimony for HSG on 3/21/2025 9:00:00 AM

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Comments:

Support. Based on the report of the last working group, they helped to support the work of DHHL by their recommendations to the legislature and by their public hearings to keep the public informed. This legislation would allow the working group to continue their oversight and to enable DHHL to carry out the mandate of Act 279