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March 15, 2022

The Honorable Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro Chair
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
The Thirty-First Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawai'i
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senator Shimabukuro and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: HB2511 HD2 Relating to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

The Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities **strongly supports HB2511 HD2** which appropriates funds into and out of the native Hawaiian rehabilitation fund for DHHL to fulfill its fiduciary duties to beneficiaries. Requires DHHL to submit an annual report to the legislature.

The Council is providing this testimony in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth L. Lopes. An individual who was 100 percent Hawaiian, had an intellectual/developmental disability. She was married, had children and wanted more than anything to provide her children with a family home. On April 7, 1989 the Council assisted her with getting on the waitlist for Hawaiian Homelands. She was very excited, never lost hope that one day she would get her home. When she unexpectedly passed away a couple years ago, she was 2054 on the 193 Oahu island wide residential waitlist.

We appreciate the multi-pronged approach this bill will provide to eliminating the Hawaiian homelands waitlist.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **strongly supporting HB2511 HD2.**

Sincerely,

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DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS
Applicant
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UP TO DECEMBER 31, 2020
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SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS, Establish Hawaiian Home Lands Special Fund

BILL NUMBER: HB 2511 HD 2

INTRODUCED BY: House Committee on Finance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Appropriates funds into and out of the native Hawaiian rehabilitation fund for DHHL to fulfill its fiduciary duties to beneficiaries. Requires DHHL to submit an annual report to the legislature

SYNOPSIS: Appropriates \$600 million to the native Hawaiian rehabilitation fund, to be spent by DHHL to fulfill its fiduciary duties to beneficiaries.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2022

STAFF COMMENTS: The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) administers about 200,000 acres of public lands to be leased to native Hawaiians, upon which they may live, farm, ranch, and engage in commercial or other activities. The department, led by a nine-member commission, must provide financial and technical assistance to native Hawaiians (those with at least 50 percent Hawaiian blood), which enables them to enhance their economic self-sufficiency and promote community-based development. According to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, by doing this, the traditions, culture, and quality of life of native Hawaiians will be self-sustaining.

We all would like to think that by throwing \$600 million at DHHL, we could make a significant dent in the production of Hawaiian homestead lands and getting people off the decades-long wait list into Hawaiian homesteads.

But there are apparently issues with getting DHHL to spend the money it now has.

The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides a Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant program. DHHL is the sole recipient of such grants. One year ago, DHHL was sitting on about \$55 million in federal funds unspent, as a result of which HUD stopped providing additional funding. Recent news reports say that the federal money is still not flowing. DHHL's website, <http://dhh.hawaii.gov/nahasda/>, shows its current grant status:

PY 13	2014	14HBGHI0001	\$9,700,000	\$7,736,927.94(80%) expended
PY 14	2015	15HBGHI0001	\$8,700,000	\$59,575.66 (0.007%) expended (58% encumbered)
PY 15	2016		0	No federal appropriations

PY16	2017	17HBGHI0001	\$2,000,000	No expenditures/encumbrances
PY17	2018	18HBGHI0001	\$2,000,000	No expenditures/encumbrances
PY18	2019	19HBGHI0001	\$2,000,000	No expenditures/encumbrances

To make a dent in the problem, we really need to understand why DHHL can't spend the money it now has. If we can't fix that problem, giving them a slug of additional funds can't be expected to solve much.

In prior testimony, DHHL has acknowledged that its federal appropriations had been less than prior years, in part because of its inability to spend down its appropriations at the time, but has argued that it has turned around its operation and is now able to spend the money appropriated to it. We think that lawmakers should make the effort to understand what was wrong and how the operations were turned around.

This testimony should not be interpreted as opposing an effort to solve the problem. We are very interested in seeing any dysfunction cleared and relief going to those who deserve it. If, for example, the problem is that most of the trust lands are uninhabitable due to location, then this bill should be amended to include language allowing DHHL to negotiate appropriate land swap, with DLNR if necessary, to acquire habitable land in place of uninhabitable land. Thought should go into what other tools than money are needed to accomplish the mission and get people off the waiting list.

Digested: 3/12/2022

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The Honorable Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs
The Thirty-First Legislature
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Dear Representative Luke and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: HB2511 HD1 Relating to Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

The Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities **strongly supports HB2511 HD1** which establishes the Hawaiian home lands special fund. Appropriates funds into and out of the special fund for DHHL to enable beneficiaries of the Hawaiian home lands trust to acquire a residence and to enable the department to fulfill its fiduciary duties to beneficiaries.

The Council is providing this testimony in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth L. Lopes. An individual who was 100 percent Hawaiian, had an intellectual/developmental disability. She was married, had children and wanted more than anything to provide her children with a family home. On April 7, 1989 the Council assisted her with getting on the waitlist for Hawaiian Homelands. She was very excited, never lost hope that one day she would get her home. When she unexpectedly passed away a couple years ago, she was 2054 on the 193 Oahu island wide residential waitlist.

We appreciate the multi-pronged approach this bill will provide to eliminating the Hawaiian homelands waitlist.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **strongly supporting HB2511 HD1**.

Sincerely,

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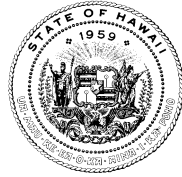
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TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM J. AILA, JR, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
HEARING ON MARCH 1, 2022 AT 11:00AM VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

HB 2511, HD1, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

March 1, 2022

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) strongly supports this bill appropriating funds for DHHL to enable beneficiaries of the Hawaiian home lands trust to acquire a residence and to enable the department to fulfill its fiduciary duties to beneficiaries. Rather than amending the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA) by establishing the Hawaiian home lands special funds, DHHL recommends the proposed draft attached that appropriates funds into and out of the native Hawaiian rehabilitation fund for DHHL to fulfill its fiduciary duties to beneficiaries

DHHL appreciates this legislature for hearing our calls for funding and the commitment to fulfilling the state's obligation to our community. An investment of \$600 million toward the implementation of the HHCA would be a historic infusion of resources to address the needs of potentially thousands of beneficiaries on DHHL's Waiting List. DHHL continues to be open to all measures that would return native Hawaiians to the land, as intended by Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole.

As we embark on the next 100 years acknowledging the significance of the 100th anniversary of the signing of the HHCA on July 9, 2021, this bill opens up opportunities for the over 28,000 beneficiaries and their families who continue to wait for the hope of Prince Kūhiō's promise to his people. Current costs for infrastructure development, borne by the Department, are in excess of \$150,000 per lot. In order to fulfill the needs of the current waitlist through this approach, DHHL would require over \$6 billion for infrastructure costs alone to serve its beneficiaries. This significant sum is separate and apart from costs for maintenance of existing lessee communities housing nearly ten thousand beneficiaries, upkeep of several utility systems, and other costs. Over the last decade, the Legislature has funded DHHL at levels higher than in years past, which has provided increased opportunity for DHHL to increase its reach. However, by conservative estimates following this approach, it will take DHHL at least another hundred years to meet the needs of its beneficiaries at current funding levels. This infusion of funds is expected to significantly address those who have been on the waiting list for decades.

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H.B. NO. 2511

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the mission of the
2 department of Hawaiian home lands is to develop and deliver land
3 to native Hawaiians. The trust, created by Congress through the
4 Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, as amended (HHCA), set
5 aside public lands to be used for the benefit of native
6 Hawaiians.

7 As required by the Admissions Act and as a compact with the
8 United States, the State of Hawaii and the people of Hawaii
9 adopted the HHCA as a provision of the Hawaii State Constitution
10 and agreed to faithfully carry out the spirit of the HHCA for
11 the rehabilitation of the Hawaiian race. These trust
12 responsibilities remain to this day.

13 The legislature also finds that today, the department of
14 Hawaiian home lands is responsible for the management of 203,500
15 acres of trust lands, 9,959 homestead leases statewide, and

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1 44,096 lease applications. However, over 28,700 applicants
2 remain on the waiting lists for residential, agricultural, or
3 pastoral leases.

4 The challenges faced by the department of Hawaiian home
5 lands in fulfilling its mission are multi-faceted, and include
6 but are not limited to:

7 (1) Availability of beneficiary preferred land. The
8 greatest demand, and subsequently, the longest waiting
9 list, is for residential property on Oahu. However,
10 the department of Hawaiian home lands' land holdings
11 on Oahu represent only three per cent of its total
12 lands;

13 (2) Cost of infrastructure. Preparing the department's
14 lands for homesteading with adequate roads, water,
15 sewer drainage, electrical, and other necessities
16 requires a steady source of funding to ensure that
17 environmental compliance, planning, design, and
18 construction phases are coordinated; and

19 (3) Capital for mortgage financing. With one of the
20 highest costs of living in the nation, department of
21 Hawaiian home lands beneficiaries also face the

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1 challenging issue of obtaining capital for mortgages
2 to build homes and reside on trust lands.

3 The legislature further finds that the revenues collected
4 by the State as of fiscal year 2021 provide an unprecedented
5 opportunity to ensure critical long-term access to adequate
6 funding for the department of Hawaiian home lands to meet its
7 challenges. Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to provide
8 \$600,000,000 to the department of Hawaiian home lands to be
9 deposited into the native Hawaiian rehabilitation fund to pursue
10 a multi-pronged approach to eliminating its waiting list.

11 SECTION 2. The department of Hawaiian home lands is
12 authorized to expend the funds appropriated in this Act to:

- 13 (1) Develop lots or units;
- 14 (2) Purchase available land or units;
- 15 (3) Provide funding for an applicant on the waiting list
16 or the applicant's qualified relative as referenced in
17 section 208(5) of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of
18 1920, as amended, to purchase a residence in the
19 State; provided that a preference will be given to
20 applicants on the waiting list or the applicant's

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1 qualified relative who does not currently own a
2 residence; and

3 (4) Other services as necessary to address the waiting
4 list.

5 SECTION 3. The department of Hawaiian home lands shall
6 submit an annual report to the legislature upon the first day of
7 each regular session that includes:

8 (1) An accounting of the expenditures from the native
9 Hawaiian rehabilitation fund for the purposes of this
10 Act in the previous fiscal year; and

11 (2) The number of applicants on the waiting list assisted.

12 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$600,000,000 or so
14 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 to be
15 deposited into the native Hawaiian rehabilitation fund; provided
16 that the appropriation included in this Act shall not bind the
17 department of Hawaiian home lands to conform to the executive
18 budget execution policies and allotment process for the
19 expenditure of funds.

20 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the native
21 Hawaiian rehabilitation fund the sum of \$600,000,000 or so much

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1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the
2 department of Hawaiian home lands to fulfill its fiduciary
3 duties to beneficiaries.

4 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
5 Hawaiian home lands for the purposes of this Act.

6 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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Report Title:

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds into and out of the native Hawaiian rehabilitation fund for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to fulfill its fiduciary duties to beneficiaries.

The summary description of legislation appearing on this page is for informational purposes only and is not legislation or evidence of legislative intent.

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OFFICE OF FEDERAL AWARDS MANAGEMENT (OFAM)

WRITTEN ONLY
TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 2511, H.D. 1

March 1, 2022
11:00 a.m.
Room 308 and Videoconference

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on this bill.

House Bill (H.B.) No. 2511, H.D. 1: establishes the Hawaiian Home Lands Special Fund that would generate revenues through legislative appropriations, grants, donations, contributions, accrued interest, and other moneys; appropriates \$600,000,000 in general funds for FY 23 for deposit into the special fund and \$600,000,000 in special funds for FY 23 for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to fulfill its fiduciary duties to beneficiaries and to enable beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust to acquire a residence; and requires an annual report to the Legislature.

As a matter of general policy, B&F does not support the creation of any special fund which does not meet the requirements of Section 37-52.3, HRS. Special funds should: 1) serve a need as demonstrated by the purpose, scope of work, and an explanation why the program cannot be implemented successfully under the general fund appropriation process; 2) reflect a clear nexus between the benefits sought and

charges made upon the users or beneficiaries or a clear link between the program and the sources of revenue; 3) provide an appropriate means of financing for the program or activity; and 4) demonstrate the capacity to be financially self-sustaining. Regarding H.B. No. 2511, H.D. 1, it is difficult to determine whether the proposed special fund would be self-sustaining.

In addition, B&F notes that, with respect to the general fund appropriation in this bill, the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act requires that states receiving Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II funds and Governor's Emergency Education Relief II funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

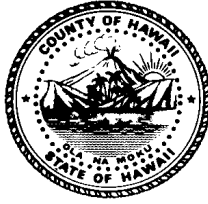
Further, the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires that states receiving ARP ESSER funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

The U.S. Department of Education has issued rules governing how these maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements are to be administered. B&F will be working with the money committees of the Legislature to ensure that the State of Hawai'i complies with these ESSER MOE requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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February 28, 2022

The Honorable Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
The Honorable Representative Kyle Yamashita, Vice-Chair
Members of the Committee on Finance
Hawaii State Capitol
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Re: Support for HB 2511, HD1 relating to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Yamashita, and members of the Committee on Finance:

As the Hawai'i County Council Representative to the homestead communities of Keaukaha and Pana'ewa, thank you for the opportunity to support HB 2511, HD1, to assist in the establishment of the Hawaiian Home Lands special fund.

HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920.

To realize the promise and potential these funds hold, the provision of oversight is crucial. Therefore, while I stand in strong support of HB2511, HD1, I encourage that, in addition to an annual report, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands engages in and completes a list of housing options within six months of this appropriation elevated from the beneficiaries themselves.

Collaborating with beneficiaries and allowing them to self-resolve and provide opportunities to make Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's promise and vision actionable will be a noble deed in facilitating the rehabilitation of native Hawaiians.

Thank you and as always, should you have any comments, questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office.

Aloha Piha,

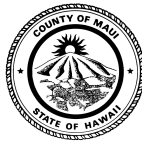
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TO: Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Keani Rawlins-Fernandez
Vice Chair

DATE: March 1, 2022

SUBJECT: **TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF H.B. 2511, HD1, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to establish the Hawaiian home lands special fund and to appropriate \$600,000,000 into the special fund for DHHL to enable beneficiaries of the Hawaiian home lands trust to acquire a residence thereby making it possible for DHHL to fulfill its fiduciary duties to beneficiaries.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I am Native Hawaiian and a beneficiary of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust, and I thank you for considering this long awaited commitment to the State making right on its legal obligation to sufficiently fund DHHL.

HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state – that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA) of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program throughout the 100-year history of HHCA.

Too many of my family members and friends have passed, waiting on the list, and even more family and friends will never receive a homestead lease because their parent or grandparents died before receiving a lease. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for

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generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

For the foregoing reasons, I testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB2511, HD1. I implore this committee to vote in favor of this bill to advance Prince Kūhiō Kalanianaʻole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/25/2022 5:32:22 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kenneth R. Conklin, Ph.D.	Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies	Oppose	No

Comments:

\$600 Million for houses for the 28,000 families on the DHHL waitlist. Also another bill already approved by this committee calls for \$638 Million in arrears plus \$79 Million per year in future for OHA from ceded land revenues, exclusively for "betterment of Native Hawaiians" who comprise 20% of Hawaii's people; with no set-aside of 4 times those amounts exclusively for the other 80% of Hawaii's people who lack a drop of Hawaiian blood. What about money for DHHL: Department of Haole Homelands? And don't forget another bill before this committee that will force each county government to pay the construction costs and maintenance of water, roads, and other infrastructure on the DHHL lands it hosts.

\$600 Million + \$638 Million = \$1.238 BILLION just this year alone! Exclusively for "Native Hawaiians" even while they also continue to benefit from all the remaining government programs that benefit all our people. As the late Senator Everett Dirksen of Illinois might say: A Billion here, a Billion there -- pretty soon you'll be talking about real money!

Hmm ... Checking my math. \$600 Million to help 28,000 waitlisters. That's \$21,429 per house. In our Hawaii realestate market that might be enough for a 2-hole outhouse like my grandparents had in rural Michigan. But will the money simply be handed over to the waitlisters? Of course not. It must be filtered through a huge bureaucracy and given to construction contractors to build roads and water lines on the racially segregated ghettos where houses can only be "owned" in leasehold. How much more money will be demanded every year forever for DHHL?

Here's a better idea. According to OHA's latest annual report, on June 30, 2021 OHA had assets of \$764,820,000. So let OHA pay the \$600 Million, and they'll still have \$165 Million to play with. Then the \$600 Million which the legislature wants to squander on DHHL can be used to provide tax reductions for our hard-pressed taxpayers, or books and toiletpaper for our schools. Why should OHA be expected to pay the \$600 Million to DHHL? Because they can! And because within recent days OHA has sent out an email or text message to everyone on its roster asking for testimony to support these bills. Clearly OHA favors the bill. Clearly OHA believes it is part of OHA's kuleana to use government money to engage in political lobbying for bills providing benefits exclusively to people of its highly favored race. So let OHA put its money where its mouth is. You legislators have the power to "raid" money from any special fund or any department of the state government, as you have often done with the Hurricane Relief Fund or the money controlled by the Highway Department. It's time for you to exercise

that power to rein in OHA and save the rest of Hawaii's people from the monster that threatens to devour the State.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2511 HD1: RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

TO: House Committee on Finance

FROM: Rob Van Tassell, President and CEO, Catholic Charities Hawai'i

Hearing: Tuesday, 3/1/22; 11:00 am; via videoconference

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, and Members, Committee on Finance:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in Support of HB 2511 HD1**, which establishes the Hawaiian Home Lands Special Fund and appropriates funding for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) to enable beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust to acquire a residence and to enable DHHL to fulfill its fiduciary duties to beneficiaries. I am Rob Van Tassell, with Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) is a tax exempt, non-profit agency that has been providing social services in Hawai'i for over 75 years. CCH has programs serving elders, children, families, homeless, and immigrants. Our mission is to provide services and advocacy for the most vulnerable in Hawai'i. Catholic Charities Hawai'i has a long history of working in the areas of affordable housing and homelessness.

The time is now! It is time to pass this historic step forward towards the State's commitment to house native Hawaiians. **Catholic Charities Hawai'i supports this bill as a Social Justice issue.** Long ago at statehood, the State promised to house native Hawaiians following the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. The native Hawaiian community needs affordable housing. The lack of housing has had an immense negative impact. Native Hawaiians are over represented among the homeless. They have suffered many social, health and economic ills over the years that could have been prevented if stable and affordable housing was available.

The time is now. The State's economic forecasts are promising as Hawai'i comes out of the COVID pandemic. Catholic Charities Hawai'i **supports \$600 million** to fund the DHHL's work to create affordable for-sale homes. This offers great hope and promise not only to native Hawaiians who will move into these homes, but generations to come. It will provide stability and enable them, their children and their grandchildren to remain in Hawai'i and become strong participants in our community. Their strong values for family, respect for the Land, and cultural pride provide a rich heritage for everyone in our community.

Let's not miss this opportunity to create a Hawai'i that we can all be proud of. Please pass HB 2511 HD1. Please contact our Legislative Liaison, Betty Lou Larson at (808) 373-0356 or alohabettylou@hotmail.com if you have any questions.



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SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS, Establish Hawaiian Home Lands Special Fund

BILL NUMBER: HB 2511 HD 1

INTRODUCED BY: House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Establishes the Hawaiian home lands special fund. Appropriates funds into and out of the special fund for DHHL to enable beneficiaries of the Hawaiian home lands trust to acquire a residence and to enable the department to fulfill its fiduciary duties to beneficiaries.

SYNOPSIS: Adds a new section to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920 to establish the Hawaiian home lands special fund.

Appropriates \$600 million to the special fund.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2022

STAFF COMMENTS: The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) administers about 200,000 acres of public lands to be leased to native Hawaiians, upon which they may live, farm, ranch, and engage in commercial or other activities. The department, led by a nine-member commission, must provide financial and technical assistance to native Hawaiians (those with at least 50 percent Hawaiian blood), which enables them to enhance their economic self-sufficiency and promote community-based development. According to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, by doing this, the traditions, culture, and quality of life of native Hawaiians will be self-sustaining.

We all would like to think that by throwing \$600 million at DHHL, we could make a significant dent in the production of Hawaiian homestead lands and getting people off the decades-long wait list into Hawaiian homesteads.

But there are apparently issues with getting DHHL to spend the money it now has.

The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides a Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant program. DHHL is the sole recipient of such grants. One year ago, DHHL was sitting on about \$55 million in federal funds unspent, as a result of which HUD stopped providing additional funding. Recent news reports say that the federal money is still not flowing. DHHL's website, <http://dhhl.hawaii.gov/nahasda/>, shows its current grant status:

PY 13	2014	14HBGHI0001	\$9,700,000	\$7,736,927.94(80%) expended
PY 14	2015	15HBGHI0001	\$8,700,000	\$59,575.66 (0.007%) expended

PY 15	2016		0	No federal appropriations
PY16	2017	17HBGHI0001	\$2,000,000	No expenditures/encumbrances
PY17	2018	18HBGHI0001	\$2,000,000	No expenditures/encumbrances
PY18	2019	19HBGHI0001	\$2,000,000	No expenditures/encumbrances

To make a dent in the problem, we really need to understand why DHHL can't spend the money it now has. If we can't fix that problem, giving them a slug of additional funds can't be expected to solve much.

This testimony should not be interpreted as opposing an effort to solve the problem. We are very interested in seeing any dysfunction cleared and relief going to those who deserve it. If, for example, the problem is that most of the trust lands are uninhabitable due to location, then this bill should be amended to include language allowing DHHL to negotiate appropriate land swap, with DLNR if necessary, to acquire habitable land in place of uninhabitable land. Thought should go into what other tools than money are needed to accomplish the mission and get people off the waiting list.

Digested: 2/26/2022

HB-2511-HD-1

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Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Stephanie N Naihe Laxton	Maika'i Kamakani 'O Kohala, Incorporated	Support	No

Comments:

Maika'i Kamakani 'O Kohala, Incorporated, a 501(c)(3) Native Hawaiian organization rooted in North Kohala, birthplace of King Kamehameha I, **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise

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Sincerely in Aloha,

Stephanie N Naihe Laxton

Founder/CEO

P.O. Box 40

Kapaau, Hawaii 96755-0040

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2022 1:20:31 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Juanita Brown Kawamoto	Hawaiian Affairs Caucus of the DPH Executive Committee	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Yamashita, and members of the Committee,

My name is Juanita Mahienaena Brown Kawamoto, 2020-2022 Chairperson of the Hawaiian Affairs Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. I strongly support HB2511, HD1, where DHHL's efforts to appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to provide and enable native Hawaiians the ability to acquire residences.

HB2511, HD1, maintains the promise to Native Hawaiian Homesteaders to fulfill its obligations proposed when it became a state - to provide housing for native Hawaiians via the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA!

HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished or have passed away before realizing their rights to personal home ownership. The Hawaiian Affairs Caucus of the DPH has testified for over a decade calling for justice for our Native Hawaiian People and the full funding for every Native Hawaiian American citizen in the State of Hawaii - the right to affordable housing in our homeland.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Juanita Mahienaena Brown Kawamoto

Luna Ho'omalū

Hawaiian Affairs Caucus

Democratic Party of Hawaii



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Chair Rep Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Rep Kyle T. Yamashita
Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 11:00 a.m. via videoconference
HB 2511 - Relating to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

TESTIMONY
Piilani Kaopuiki, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii strongly supports HB 2511 marking \$600 million to help clear the backlog of Native Hawaiians waiting to get into livable homes. This legislation will prove historic when the backlog is reduced significantly as homes become occupied within a reasonable time.

The bill should prioritize the solutions needed on the multi-faceted challenges: earmarking land, cost of infrastructure, mortgage financing. Top priority should be given to acquiring desirable land on Oahu. Residents of Oahu should not be penalized because they live on an overpopulated island.

The state's Rainy Day Fund should not bear the brunt of funding the commitment. The Rainy Day Fund is an important safety net the state needs to maintain security for all its residents.

The bill should establish the special fund as a trust to continually support overcoming the multi-faceted challenges to fulfill the mission of the Department. Having the money held in trust safeguards the money for the purposes of the trust. An independent trustee answerable only to the Administrator, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands/Chairman, Hawaiian Homes Commission, should be appointed to administer the trust. The capable trustee must be free of entanglements subject to conflict-of-interest concerns. The trustee should be able to report funds management directly to the legislature in some fashion.

Appropriate assistance should be provided to the Department to assure best practices are used to implement the legislature's intention. Obstacles to clearing the backlog should be surfaced, identified and removed as swiftly as possible.

Accomplishment of the legislature's intent will be historic in view of the decades and generations of neglect given to the Admissions Act and its compact with the Hawaiian people. The measure should also help mitigate the extreme shortage of affordable housing in Hawaii.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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Ko`olau Foundation

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February 28, 2022

TO: Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair
And Members
House Finance Committee

FROM: Aaron Mahi
Mahealani Cypher
Ko`olau Foundation

RE: Support for HB2511, HD1 – Relating to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Aloha Chair Luke and Members of this Committee:

The Ko`olau Foundation strongly supports House Bill 2511, House Draft 1, which would establish and contribute to a new special fund to enable more native Hawaiians to access homesteads.

In our view, for the State of Hawai`i to move to this level of funding for Hawaiian homestead development is long overdue and greatly needed. Far too many Hawaiian people are in need of housing security. The wait list for applicants to be awarded homesteads continues to grow, and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has been frustrated in its efforts to satisfy the needs of our people. This is because the United States government and the State of Hawai`i have failed to deliver on their promises to satisfy the terms of the Hawaiian Homelands Act of 1920.

Although the Ko`olau Foundation is primarily focused on historic preservation and cultural resource concerns, we feel that the core of our culture lives in our people. Many Hawaiians are trapped in a never-ending cycle of rent increases or eviction, homelessness, or other shelter emergencies. This disconnects them from the strength they would need to survive and thrive, and from appreciation of our rich culture and heritage.

As a side note: we believe awarding homesteads and preserving the Hawaiian culture are the primary purposes of the Hawaiian Homelands Act which DHHL is working to fulfill. That said, the fund should be used to meet those kinds of Hawaiian needs, with less emphasis on beneficiaries who have already been awarded homesteads. In addition, once a beneficiary has received an award, they should not be able to receive a second similar award until the wait-list has been completely awarded.

We appreciate your consideration of our plea, and urge that this bill be passed by the legislature this year. Mahalo for receiving our mana`o.



Because every child deserves a home.

February 28, 2022

RE: HB2511, relating to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Since 2006, Family Promise of Hawaii has provided shelter, housing, and supportive services for over 5,700 parents and children experiencing housing instability on Oahu. Homelessness is one of the most complex social issues impacting our community. There are personal, programmatic, and systemic issues that have resulted in the current challenges our community faces in addressing homelessness. Native Hawaiians are disproportionately impacted by homelessness in our community. Over the past sixteen years, almost 25% of the families we have served through our programs identify as Hawaiian. Homelessness cannot be solved without access to affordable housing.

We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony **in support of HB2511**, which establishes the Hawaiian Home Lands Special Fund; appropriates funding for DHHL to enable beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust to acquire a residence and to enable DHHL to fulfill its fiduciary duties to beneficiaries.

With Much Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SAC", is written over a faint, light-colored signature line.

Samantha Church, MSW
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Date: February 28, 2022
To: Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair, Representative Kyle T. Yamashita,
Vice-Chair, and members of the Committee on Finance
From: Brent Kakesako, Hawai'i Alliance for Community-Based Economic
Development (HACBED)
Re: Support for HB 2511 HD 1

Aloha e Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Yamashita, and Committee Members,

The Hawai'i Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development (HACBED) supports HB 2511 HD 1, which establishes the Hawaiian Home Lands special fund and appropriates funds into it for beneficiaries to acquire a residence and to enable the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) to fulfill its fiduciary duties to beneficiaries.

HACBED was established in 1992 as a nonprofit statewide intermediary to address social, economic, and environmental justice concerns through community-based economic development and asset building strategies. It advances its mission with core competencies in the areas of community and organizational capacity building, community and economic development planning, and asset policy development and advocacy. HACBED is humbled to work in collaboration with both homestead communities as well as DHHL on a range of work including, strategic plans, organizational assessments, and business plans for a range of homestead associations and their projects as well as broader community planning with DHHL and the communities it serves. From these different aspects of work over the years, HACBED team members have heard a range of beneficiary voices that support the DHHL receiving increased funding to carry out its trust purposes, including housing its beneficiaries. As such, HACBED supports HB 2511 HD 1 to establish a special fund and appropriate \$600,000,000 to support DHHL in fulfilling its charge under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920.

HB 2511 HD 1 would appropriate much needed and long overdue funding to DHHL to enable native Hawaiian people to acquire residences. We are excited about the potential HB 2511 HD 1 has to fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify,

Brent N. Kakesako
Executive Director
Hawai'i Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development



HB2511, HD1
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS
House Committee on Finance

March 1, 2022

11:00 AM

Videoconference

The Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** HB2511, HD1, which would establish the Hawaiian Home Lands special fund into which will be appropriated \$600 million for use by qualifying Hawaiian Home Lands beneficiaries to acquire a residence and to enable the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) to fulfill the State of Hawai'i's fiduciary duty to these beneficiaries.

The State of Hawai'i holds a fiduciary obligation to Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA) beneficiaries, as part of its compact with the United States in exchange for admission into the Union and subsequently upon adopting the HHCA as a provision of the State's Constitution. The State later expanded its obligations to include enabling qualifying Native Hawaiians "to return to their lands in order to fully support self-sufficiency" and to support "the self-determination of Native Hawaiians."¹ Due primarily to inadequate State funding, DHHL has amassed a waitlist of over 28,700 beneficiary-applicants, with countless applicants having passed away while awaiting the State to fulfill its obligation to them.

Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole advocated for the passage of HHCA in 1921 on behalf of the Native Hawaiian people. After a century during which over 84% of the indigenous population was decimated by foreign-introduced diseases, pushing them to near extinction, 'Ōiwi leaders determined that the only way to rehabilitate Native Hawaiians, who the U.S. government characterized as "landless and dying,"² was to "place them back upon the soil."³

¹ Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended, §101 (Purpose).

² The findings of Pub. L. 106-569, title V, §512, Dec. 27, 2000.

³ The testimony of Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole as quoted in the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands 2021 Legislative Fact Sheet.



Appropriating \$600 million for the purpose of administering the HHCA through the DHHL would be a significant step in the right direction toward the State fulfilling its numerous obligations to the Native Hawaiian people.

CNHA urges the Legislature to pass HB2511, HD1.

Mahalo nui loa for this opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

Respectfully,

J. Kūhiō Lewis, CEO
Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement

About Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement

CNHA is a member-based 501(c)3 non-profit organization with a mission to enhance the cultural, economic, political, and community development of Native Hawaiians. For more information, visit www.hawaiiancouncil.org/.



February 27, 2022

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Wendy Awai-Dakroub, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i and owner of Ohia Technology Group a native Hawaiian owned technology business.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. I am waiting on list with the hope that my children will be able to receive Hawaiian Homelands.

Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Regards,

Wendy Awai Dakroub

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:21:35 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Hardy Spoehr	Spoehr Foundation	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Hardy Spoehr, a resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

The elimination of DHHL's waiting list is strictly a political will to do so. Remember, where did Prince Kuhio obtain the initial lands for the HHL program? From the Public land Trust!...There is no reason why additional lands from the Public Land Trust can not be added from this trust to the HHL trust.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.



Building strength and stability through shelter

House Committee on Finance
Tuesday, March 1, 2022
Video Conference, 11:00 a.m.

HB2511 HD1 – STRONG SUPPORT

Aloha Committee Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, and members of the committee,

I am submitting testimony in my capacity as Program Manager of Hawaii Habitat for Humanity Association (HHFHA). We are a nonprofit community development financial institution and Affiliate Support Organization for the direct service Habitat for Humanity organizations across the state. Our organization **STRONGLY SUPPORTS HB2511 HD1** which establishes the Hawaiian Home Lands Special Fund and appropriates \$600,000,000 to said fund to enable beneficiaries to acquire a residence, thereby fulfilling the fiduciary duties of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

We strongly support the investment of \$600 million toward the implementation of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, which would be a historic infusion of funding to address the needs of potentially thousands of beneficiaries on DHHL's Waiting List, an estimated 2000-4000 beneficiaries. We support the intent of this bill to move native Hawaiian families off the waitlist into homes on Home Lands. Along with the funding, we also strongly support the establishment of the special fund. Current costs for infrastructure development, borne by the Department, are in excess of \$150,000 per lot - separate from other associated costs maintenances and utility services. In order to fulfill the needs of the current beneficiaries' waitlist, sustained funding is necessary.

As a support organization for the Habitat for Humanity non-profit housing developer affiliates across the state, we are humbled to have partnered with DHHL in the past to create affordable for-sale homes to our native Hawaiian community. Lack of housing has had an immense negative impact toward this community, where native Hawaiians are over represented among the houseless. This investment provides great promise to not only to the native Hawaiians who will move into these homes, but for generations to come, as homeownership is the primary method in which families accumulate generational wealth. Right now, our partnerships with DHHL leverages funding for families at a ratio of 4:1 – quadrupling the effect every dollar each household pays into their home. With more funding available to DHHL, more families can benefit.

We sincerely thank the legislature in recognizing the importance of this measure. Mahalo for your time, leadership and consideration. Please contact me directly at 425.829.8231 or susan@hawaiihabitat.org should you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Susan Le

Susan Le
Program Manager

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 12:16:48 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
C Kauai Jochanan Amsterdam	The Mama Loa Foundation, Kanaka Maoli Jew	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, Committee Members, Kanaka Maoli, Community:

This Testimony supports Bill HB2511, HD1, which appropriates \$ 600 million for needed land for Native Hawaiians/ Kanaka Maoli. Please pass this Bill, which fulfills a mandate of the Hawaiians Homes Commission Act of 1920.

Mahalo and Aloha,

C. Kauai Jochanan Amsterdam

The Mama Loa Foundation, Kanaka Maoli Jew

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 12:34:46 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Edith Kawai	Waimea Hawaiian Civic Club	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Edith Kawai. I am submitting testimony as President of the Waimea Hawaiian Civic Club. I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Sincerely,

Edith Kawai, Pelekikena

Waimea Hawaiian Civic Club

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

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House Committee On Finance
Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 11:00 AM Video Conference

RE: HB2511 HD1 In Support

Aloha Committee Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, and member of the Committee

I am writing to indicate strong support of HB2511 HD1. I am the Finance Director of Habitat for Humanity Hawaii Island, Inc., which is a local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. Our organization's mission is to work alongside local Hawaii Island families to help affordably build homes. As such, we have helped a number of families who possess a DHHL land lease to achieve their dream of a home on their aina.

Our organization, including myself as an individual, is strongly in support of this bill, which would designate \$600 million of funding to assist many more individuals and families through DHHL qualification to achieve their dream of ownership. The funding would not only help individual families to finally be able to build their home, but also prepare the lots by supporting infrastructure needs before the land can be considered build ready.

We all know lack of affordable housing has risen to crisis level throughout the nation, and much effort and funding, at every level, must be devoted in efforts to rise to the challenge of resolving the problem. Sadly, for many native Hawaiians, this lack of affordable housing has been a detrimental issue for their community for many, many years. Although so much needs to be done, this fund would definitely be a good step in the right direction for a number of native Hawaiians who have been waiting so long to achieve their goal of homeownership on their DHHL leased lands.

I thank each and every one of you for your consideration of this bill, and for your service to our community and our state.

Sincerely,



Chris Marlett Patulski
Finance Director

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 1:39:37 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Shadey L Lopes-Kamakeeaina	Hawaiian Community Asset	Support	No

Comments:

Please find sample testimony below:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Shadey Lopes-Kamakeeaina, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

As Napualei o Hina and we are a Native Hawaiian Origination of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the state of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.
Sheri English ~ Secretary

HAWAI‘I STATE LEGISLATURE TESTIMONY



HB2511, HD1

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS
House Committee on Finance

March 1, 2022

11:00 AM

Videoconference

We are a hui of organizations that provide direct-delivery and support services to the Native Hawaiian community across a variety of areas, including health, education, culture, 'āina, and resource management. We **STRONGLY SUPPORT** HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences and to enable the DHHL to fulfill its fiduciary duties to beneficiaries.

During the first quarter of the 20th century, Prince Joseph Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole, Hawai'i's Congressional Delegate at the time, advocated for the United States to set aside approximately 200,000 acres of land to establish a permanent homeland for native Hawaiians, who were

HAWAI‘I STATE LEGISLATURE TESTIMONY

identified as a landless and “dying” people as the result of disease, intermarriage, and loss of lands.

“After extensive investigation and survey on the part of various organizations organized to rehabilitate the Hawaiian race, it was found that the only method in which to rehabilitate the race was to place them back upon the soil,” Prince Kūhiō wrote to U.S. Senators.

Finally enacted in 1921, the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA) intended to return native Hawaiians to the land while encouraging them to become self-sufficient farmers, ranchers, and homesteaders on leased parcels of reserve land.

The federal Admission Act in 1959 mandated that the State of Hawai‘i, as a compact with the U.S., administer the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act and the approximately 200,000 acres of “ceded land” set aside for Native Hawaiian homesteading, with oversight by the U.S. Congress.

Since then, the State of Hawai‘i has struggled to fulfill the promise it made in exchange for statehood to house native Hawaiians under the HHCA program. The DHHL waitlist has steadily grown over the past decade, increasing from nearly 26,000 in 2010 to more than 28,700 today.

HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling its fiduciary obligations to beneficiaries of the HHCA trust. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, we urge the Committee to PASS HB2511, HD1. Mahalo nui loa for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Should you have any questions about our testimony, please contact Sterling Wong, Vice President of Advocacy at the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, at sterling@hawaiiancouncil.org.



Environmental Caucus of The Democratic Party of Hawai'i

To: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
The Honorable Kyle T. Yamashita, Vice Chair
Committee on Finance

Re: **HB 2511 HD 1 – RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS**
Hearing: Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 11:00 a.m., Conference Room 308 and
Via Videoconference

Position: **Strong support**

Aloha, Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, and Members of the Committees on Finance:

The Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i stands in strong support of HB 2511 HD 1. This measure would establish the Hawaiian home lands special fund. It will appropriate funds into and out of the special fund for DHHL to enable beneficiaries of the Hawaiian home lands trust to acquire a residence and to enable DHHL to fulfill its fiduciary duties to its beneficiaries.

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is responsible for the management of 203,500 acres of trust lands, 9,959 homestead leases statewide with 44,096 lease applications. There are over 28,700 applicants that remain on the waitlist for residential, agricultural, and or pastoral leases. The reason for this excessive backlog is funding. Funds are necessary for infrastructure development and mortgage financing. The appropriation of \$600,000,000 would surely assist in both areas which would certainly decrease the long waitlist for native Hawaiians to obtain housing and the State to satisfy its trust obligations under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (1920), the Admissions Act, and the Hawaii State Constitution.

For these reasons, the Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i supports HB 2511 HD1 as it will assist the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands in developing the necessary infrastructure as well as providing mortgage finance assistance to develop homes and farms on DHHL properties for native Hawaiian as required by law.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,

Melodie Aalaja

Alan Burdick

Co-Chairs, Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i

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HAWAI' APPLESEED

CENTER FOR LAW & ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Testimony of the Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice
SUPPORTING HB2511 HD1 – Relating to the Department of Hawaiian Homelands
Conference Room 308 & Videoconference
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Aloha Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Kyle Yamashita, and members of the committee,

Mahalo for the opportunity to stand **in strong support of HB2511.**

We commend the legislature for taking this bold step to fulfill the promise of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, which was signed over 100 years ago in 1920. While many other organizations can speak to the significance of helping thousands of native Hawaiian beneficiaries get off a waiting list that has had far too many people for far too long, Appleseed would like to comment **on the benefits of this bill from an economic standpoint.**

This bill would appropriate \$600M for the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) to spend towards helping beneficiaries. DHHL currently has 17 projects in the pipeline and by some estimates this appropriation would provide approximately 2,000 -3,000 affordable homes depending on infrastructure costs, mortgage subsidies needed etc. Because beneficiaries often have multiple generations in one household each house would provide a home for a family of 5-7 people. Assuming 2,500 homes with 6 people in each home we could estimate approximately 15,000 residents will benefit from this \$600M in public spending. In other words the public subsidy for each home is about \$240,000.

And what exactly will be their benefit? Well for the first family moving in, six people will have access to predictable affordable housing for at least 20 years at which point some repairs might be needed. Assuming 6 people living in the house which cost \$240,000 worth of public funds this amounts to \$2,000 per person per year or \$167 per month.

Is it worth it for the state to invest \$167 per month for beneficiaries and their families to have access to secure and affordable housing? Considering that many Hawaii renters are paying more than half their income in rent, **many beneficiaries will be saving much more than \$167 a month in housing costs as compared to renting in the private market.** And this money that beneficiaries will save due to their affordable housing will most likely go back into the local economy instead of a landlord that may or may not even live in Hawaii.

And these hundreds of dollars of monthly savings due to this government program will only grow after the owners pay off the mortgage. Which again, will mean more money being spent in the local economy. Overtime, the longer that a family continues to live in that DHHL home the lower their housing costs will be relative local wages. Which is unfortunately the opposite of what is happening in the non-DHHL housing market where prices keep climbing as wages stay stagnant.

As compared to what that beneficiary family would pay in the private market for housing, the \$240,000 invested by the public in permanently affordable housing will yield long-term savings



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for the household and much more spending in the local economy. The long-term financial benefits to Hawai'i will be far greater than the \$240,000 initial investment.

We encourage the committee to support this bill as not only a critical step to helping our beneficiaries but as an important step in providing long-term affordable housing and more spending in the local economy.

Mahalo for all your efforts on behalf of our beneficiaries and our local economy,

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/1/2022 4:31:01 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kekoa Enomoto	Maui/Lana`i Moku-puni Council	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chairwoman Luke, Vice Chairman Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Kekoa Catherine Enomoto, and I am a native Hawaiian resident of Upcountry Maui, and the 2019-23 president of the Maui/Lana`i Moku-puni Council representing 18 Hawaiian homelands entities on two islands. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai`i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana`ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

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Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Mariah Espaniola	Hawaiian Community Assets	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Mariah Espaniola, I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/1/2022 8:55:10 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Moana Bjur	Ohana Program Foundation	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Moanaoio Bjur, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i and President of the Ohana Program Foundation (OPF) a domestic nonprofit organization formed to address the lack of affordable housing across the state. OPF STRONGLY SUPPORTS HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/26/2022 10:12:24 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Clarence Kalima	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Clarence Aikue Kalima, I am Native Hawaiian, and a Hawaiian Homelands beneficiary since 2007 on the island of O'ahu. 2022 makes 15 years since I have been on the waitlist. I am 45 years old, and I don't want to be like many of my relatives who died on the wait list without being awarded a lease. I am writing in support of HB2511 HD1. Hopefully this infusion of funding will speed up the award process and Hawaiians can move off the wait list and into their own homes quicker.

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Submitted on: 2/26/2022 10:12:54 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Regina Gregory	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please pass this legislation.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/26/2022 10:19:41 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Patricia Greene	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

PLEASE DO YOUR DUTY TO PROVIDE HOUSING THRU HAWAIIAN HOMES NOW.

OVER 100 years of waiting for a Home. If We Weren't being Held Hostage Illegally by AMERICAS ILLEGAL OVERTHROW OF OUR KINDOM NATION BY FORCE, this wouldn't have become an Issue....WE ARE THE OWNERS BEFORE THE ILLEGAL THEFT AND OVERTHROW THEN THEIVERY FROM A MERE HAWAIIAN CHILD/ MALIA PAIA AHUNA/ FAMILY TO THE FOLLOWING: HA'ALILO/ LUNALILO/ KANAINA.

WE ARE THE LEGAL OWNERS OF OUR HAWAIIAN ARCHIPELAGO / THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES WHETHER THIS IS BELIEVED BY THE CURRENT ILLEGAL OCCUPIERS.

ALSO What About Those as Myself Whose KONOHIKI LANDS MY GRANDMOTHER OWNED BEING ILLEGALLY SOLD TO THE BIG 5 SETTLERS OF PLANTATIONS FROM MY THEN 8 YEAR OLD CHILD GRANDMOTHER 🥹🥹🥹🥹 WE HAVE THE OWNERSHIP PAPER WORK UNDER GLASS. The AHUPUA'A KNOW AS PUHEMIKI-PUNALU'U.

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Submitted on: 2/26/2022 12:11:04 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Salynn Kam	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Salynn Kau‘ionalani‘oihana Choon-Hee Chee Kam, and I am submitting testimony in favor of House Bill 2511, relating to the Department of Hawaiian home lands.

I am a native Hawaiian, and currently on the waitlist to receive a parcel of DHHL land. Living in Hawaii today, with the highest increase of home prices ever seen in history, makes purchasing one's home even more out of reach than ever before. Add that onto the high cost of living and day care makes surviving as a family in Hawaii even more difficult. It is no wonder why so many of Native Hawaiian, my own family members included, have chosen to leave our home. The passing of this bill would support Native Hawaiians, like myself, in surviving in our rightful home.

According to HB2511, the Department of Hawaiian home lands currently has 28,711 applicants on the waitlist to receive DHHL land. With the amount of Native Hawaiians on the waitlist and the amount of Hawaiian home residences currently available, there is only a small chance that someone like myself will receive a parcel of land anytime soon, if ever. By passing HB2511, more homes will be provided for Native Hawaiians, and the chances to receive a DHHL home will greatly increase. My hope is to be able to attain a Hawaiian home land residence in my lifetime to be able to pass down to my own children. This will continue to sustain our Hawaiian population, culture, and traditions here in Hawaii.

Please vote in favor of HB2511, and support the development of more homes for Native Hawaiians.

Mahalo nui,

Salynn K. C. C. Kam

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Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kealakai Hammond	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Kealakai Hammond, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

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HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/26/2022 12:30:42 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Whitney K. Wong	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Whitney Kēhaulani Wong, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Ralph Hasegawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Ralph Hasegawa, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Norman Akau Jr	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Norman Akau Jr and I strongly support HB2511.

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Submitted on: 2/26/2022 12:50:02 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Leimomi Khan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Strongly support HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences.

As noted in the Bill, as required by the Admissions Act and as a compact with the United States, the State of Hawaii and the people of Hawaii adopted the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act as a provision of the Hawaii State Constitution and agreed to faithfully carry out the spirit of the HHCA for the rehabilitation of the Hawaiian race. These trust responsibilities remain to this day.

It is both a matter of fulfilling its responsibilities and justice that the State of Hawaii assist the Dept of Hawaiian Home Lands to have the funding necessary to correct their insufficient funding that has made it very challenging to provide the necessary building and construction infrastructure to make homes available to Native Hawaiians to acquire residences.

With skyrocketing costs and inflation, this and future generations are finding it extremely impossible to purchase homes in their homeland. They are displaced. Funding of DHHL will help to correct this problem.

Please pass HB2511, HD1.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/26/2022 1:04:56 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Anela Reis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, My name is Allyson A Duncan-REIS and I am in support of this bill. I have been told for years you need to be in the list, and I have been on the list for a Farmlot and Residential. My Dad pasted away and left the property to my Mom. But the Department put my older brother on with my Mom. Unknown to us. Over 30years later my brother refused to pay the mortgage. So, I have been paying and submitted a Transfer of property from my Mom and brother, because they NO LONGER want the property to me (Allyson)the Department has refused to honor. I also qualified for a Mortgage to pay everything current and they have refused. I also took my case to Court and won. And yet I wait. Still paying the Mortgage. Still farming, and now my children is having children and we are still not stable. Please this Bill will help my children and grandchildren to come.

I also transferred my Residential to my son, so he can have a house of his own. I know this funding would help a lot of Hawaiians to become home owners. I hate seeing them homeless. Thank you for your time. Any documents you would like to see, please let me know.

Much Mahalo Allyson Anela Duncan-REIS

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Submitted on: 2/26/2022 1:15:42 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Bradford Baang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Bradford Baang, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, monies long-overdue owed by the State to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. Holding back monies owed to Hawaiians is pure theft. Please honor the State's responsibility to fullfil its duty to release funds legally due for HHC.

Sincerely,

Bradford Baang, Waianae

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Submitted on: 2/26/2022 1:32:23 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Christina Marumoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Christina Marumoto, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/26/2022 1:58:52 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Steven Thomas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Steven Thomas , and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/26/2022 2:13:46 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Keoni Mahelona	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

We have a huge opportunity to help solve the housing crisis by putting more Hawaiians on land and in homes. This money will enable DHHL to scale its efforts, to support infrastructure where required for houselot development, and to support grassroots Associations which have a proven track record of delivering results to our communities.

Helping Hawaiians to move into their own homes or land will lower demand in the housing market which will benefit other locals who don't qualify for DHHL.

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Submitted on: 2/26/2022 2:44:28 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Leatrice Maluhia Kauahi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Leatrice Maluhia Kauahi, I am a Native Hawaiian and submit testimony in strong support of HB 2511 HD2. Your commitment to the State of Hawaii Constitution is way past being done in regards to the Department of Hawaiian Homelands. Please believe your strong support will put you in a position to say to are doing your job. Mahalo if you do your job.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/26/2022 2:55:52 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Celeste Parker	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Celeste Ke'ohulani Parker and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i, I grew up on the homestead of Waimanalo, and am over 3,000 on the residential wait list and over 7,000 on the agricultural list. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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Submitted on: 2/26/2022 3:29:33 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Tara Gumapac	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Tara Keanuenue Gumapac, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

My family has been on the list for generations. I have had many family members who have passed but didn’t receive what was rightfully theirs over the years. I have family members who didn’t seize the opportunity to go onto the list because they felt it was an impossible story of David and Goliath. How do you convince older family members who are Hawaiian to claim what is rightfully theirs when they have been brainwashed to think they are not worthy; they are less than; they believe they are not equal to anyone else? You can’t. Because they believe the systems that are in place are not for them and are for the benefit of others and nothing they can do will ever change that.

This bill will change that. This bill will become proof that movement, hope, change and solidarity in equality of indigenous races and indigenous voices that can be heard.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Tara Keanuenue Gumapac

Daughter of a 50% Hawaiian father

Granddaughter of a 50% Hawaiian grandmother and 50% Hawaiian grandfather.

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Submitted on: 2/26/2022 4:38:42 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
WANDA K ANAE-ONISHI	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Wanda Anae-Onishi, Native Hawaiian and resident of Oahu. I urge you to support HB2511 HD1. There are too many Native Hawaiians waiting for homesteads. Some are homeless. While I am ineligible for homestead land, I recognize the urgency of making more homes available for my indigenous brothers and sisters who have waited too long for a place to call home. I am a member of the Ewa-Puuloa Hawaiian Civic Club. I supported the transfer of land from the Tsunami Center in Ewa Beach to DHHL. The funding from this bill could be used to build homes for eligible Native Hawaiians residing on Oahu, where the need for housing is great. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/26/2022 5:20:48 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Brittney (Kulanui Naliipoaimoku) Perez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support this Bill as Hawaiians have been waiting over 100 years to be put back on our lands with too many families dying and no longer able to become beneficiaries as a result. This may not yet solve the issues of blood quantum but it does offer a way for those who still meet that requirement to receive what our people has been long time promised. A fund like this that allows a fund which can accept donations will further allow our own Hawaiian community to add to the fund ourselves and the non hHawaiian community who have the privilege to live on our lands to get involved also.

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Submitted on: 2/26/2022 5:33:01 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
toma barrett	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This needs to be done its long over due.This is the only way for me and my family to ever afford a house here on OUR island.

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Submitted on: 2/26/2022 5:53:39 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Elena Kawehilani Kalaau Apo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Elena Kawehilani Kalaau Apo, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. My Great Grand-Uncle, Jack Desha, was the secretary to the Prince and the first Native Hawaiian to graduate from Harvard University. He would've been so proud to see Hawaiians succeed through this program. Let's help make it happen for all of us and allow our indigenous peoples to thrive in their own homeland.

My father, Eben Kalaau, Jr., is 100% Pure Hawaiian, also gives his full support to this bill. He is now 83. If he is not able to live on Hawaiian Homestead before he passes, he hopes his descendants will be able to benefit along with other Hawaiians.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Aloha,

Kawehi Kalaau Apo

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jeannette Naoko Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Jeannette N. Lee, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Madeline C Neely	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair; Representative Kyle T. Yamashita, Vice Chair;
and Members of the Committee on Finance,

My name is, Madeline Neely. I Strongly Support, HB2511, HD1, to appropriate
\$600 million for the overdue funding to the, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands,
to fulfill the obligations, promises, and the fiduciary responsibilities to the
Native Hawaiian beneficiaries. I respectfully and strongly request passage of
HB2511, HD 1.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Madeline Neely

February 27, 2022

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Submitted on: 2/26/2022 8:45:56 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Helene Ozaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Helene Ozaki, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/26/2022 8:50:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Johanna Stone	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha mai kākou e nā hoa ʻē,

My name is Johanna K Stone, and we have been cultivating abundance here in our lands since the beginning of time. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for upholding your responsibilities to us as Hawaiians, the originals stewards of this place.

me ke aloha nui

johanna k stone

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Maile Lavea-Malloe	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

We, Jerry Malloe Jr and Maile Lavea-Malloe, are Native Hawaiian residents of Hawai‘i. We **STRONGLY SUPPORT** HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please **PASS** HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/26/2022 9:45:39 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
tristin manuel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Tristin Manuel, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Kailua. I strongly support HB2511. Hawaiians are being displaced faster and faster these days due to the booming market from transients foreign & domestic. Please keep Hawaiians in Hawaii and approve this bill.

Thank you,

Tristin

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kanani Higbee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB 2511. I, Kanani Higbee, am a waitlister for Hawaiian homes. My family has 4 generations on the list with no lot. I ask that the state use all funds to build infrastructure so we can get on the land now. The commissioners like to vote to put our funds into certificate of deposits in the Banks so the banks turn around and approve their cronies for loans. The banks redline Hawaiians. Please I ask that the money not ever be allowed to purchase Certificate of deposits. And instead be used right away to get us on the land. We die at a rate of 1,000 annually on the list of Hawaiian homes. I face so much retaliation for advocating for Hawaiian homes. I have been victim to harassment, sexual harassment, sexual assault, attempted murder. Even my daughter has had attempted murder done on her. Please get us on the land. And stop misusing the funds. The federal govt cut off Governor Ige from NAHaSDA funds since he misused it by purchasing CODs when he's supposed to put it toward Hawaiian home infrastructure. Watch the money.

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Submitted on: 2/27/2022 7:26:57 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kevin Kekoa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Kevin Kekoa, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Moana Heu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Moana Heu and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure. Moana Heu

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Johnnie-Mae L. Perry	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB 2511, HD 1 Relating To The Department of Hawaiian Homes Lands “Special Fund” of \$600M to address the backlog of “wait-list” of beneficiaries that have been waiting for decades and some has died while waiting!

HB 2511, DH 1 will authorize the deposit \$600,000 in the special funds for FY 23 for the DHHL to fulfill its fiduciary duties to beneficiaries and require an **annual request to the Legislature.**

- Did you know the cost of a **home in Hawai’i is almost a million dollars?**
- Did you know first time buyers of homes is **paying thousands of dollars over the asking price because of the shortage of inventory of homes?**
- Did you know that when a “beneficiary of 50% or more “dies” on the “wait-list” **the successor with less than 50% cannot inherit the decease award?**
- Did you know the **highest population of homelessness** is Native Hawaiians as reported by the media?
- Did you know that Gov. David Ige’s speeches addressing the amount of **shortage of “affordable housing” in Hawai’i is approximately 62,000!**
- Did you know that this **\$600M dollars will “support” the construction industry** in Hawai’i since the pause due to the COVID-19 pandemic?
- FYI. **The public testimonies “overwhelming supported SB 3359 which is the companion to HB 2511, HD1** at the public hearing on Feb. 3rd @ 1:01p.m.
- FYI. **SB 3359 which past second reading, as amended SD1 on Feb. 9th in committee is the companion to HB 2511, HD1.**
- FYI. **Who? What? Why? And How? Did DHHL a state agency come into such a crisis? As decision makers and individuals on this committee will you be the “SOLUTION” or the continuous “problem?”**

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, **strongly support HB 2511, HD1** for the above reasons and I appreciate and encourage this committee to join me. Sunday, February 27, 2022

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Submitted on: 2/27/2022 10:56:30 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Shelley S. Maka'ala Nakoa III Mahi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha. I am submitting my written testimony concerning House Bill 2511 for the appropriation of \$600 million dollars into a special account designed to receive funds for DHHL Beneficiaries' House Building on Homestead Awards. The building of free homes for Hawaiian Kanaka Maoli is long overdue. Since Territorial Days and the passing of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act in 1920, under Section 203(b) Sugarcane Lands were excluded from homesteading at that time, because a percentage of the Leases was to be provided towards building homes for Homesteaders under the Act. In those days it was an approximate allocate of money for around \$5,000 which now in the inflation calculator is approximately \$70,287.00; which would definitely be enough money to build the average kit home. Many DHHL'S Beneficiaries are looking forward to the possibility of having an actual home, instead of waiting forever on the list. It is important to assess which Beneficiaries applied (sometimes 2x but was lost) but did not receive the Homestead Award because they were told by DHHL they must get a house loan, which at one point was \$350,000 and a real hardship. Now, with attention to a real remedy, and the finding of \$125 million in the Investigation of DHHL Funds from the amended Self Determination Emergency Funding acquired since the year 2000 by Senator Fevella, the time is ripe to help the Kanaka Maoli People from the plight of mismanagement and misappropriation of house building funds. On many islands, the Kanaka Maoli People are having meetings in anticipation of organizing house building teams and specially designed homes for Kupuna and the disabled. The funding should be audited for transparency of allocations. An inventory of the DHHL Land corpus includes the 99,000 acres from Parker Ranch. Newly found Heirs of Parker Ranch are very happy for the opportunity to assist their fellow Kanaka Maoli nand DHHL Beneficiaries planning for building of housing on beautiful sunny land with soil. Taro! 'Uala! Kanawai! Congratulations to Beneficiaries! Please hold workshop meetings for proper consultation and preservation of Wahi Pana and the Cultural Landscape. Hoa'aina and Maka'aina Native Tenant Rights are reserved; see HRS172-11 (Law 1872) M for laws concerning Royal Patents and the LCAws within DHHL Land corpus.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Cheyenne Perry	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Cheyenne Hiapo Perry, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. I personally have been on the DHHL waiting list on Hawaii Island for over 20 years. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure

HB-2511-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Iolani Kuoha	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, and members of the Committee,

My name is ‘Iolani Kuoha, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi .

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted on: 2/27/2022 12:34:36 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Sari Sanchez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I write in support of HB2511 to establish a \$600 million Hawaiian Homelands special fund to enable beneficiaries of the trust to acquire a residence. As a beneficiary, I know how difficult it is to obtain a DHHL home. The last time I received notice of a lottery draw was in 2009 as a law student at Richardson, and I was not prepared financially to qualify for a home mortgage loan at that time. Since then, I have become financially ready to qualify, but I have not received any offers from DHHL. The housing market has become so volatile in Hawaii making it difficult for Hawaiians to purchase land, basically, Hawaiians are being priced out of their homeland. Please pass HB2511 to help more Hawaiians establish a place for themselves in Hawaii.

Mahalo,

Sari Sanchez

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Amy Kalili	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha e ka Luna Ho‘omalu ‘o Luke, ka Hope Luna Ho‘omalu ‘o Yamashita a me nā lālā kōmike a pau.

My name is Amy Kalili, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I **STRONGLY SUPPORT** HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, **please PASS HB2511, HD1**, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kim Kaleinohea Spencer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Kim Kaleinohea Spencer and I am a native Hawaiian resident who has been on the waiting list for 36 years. I am currently renting paying \$3000 a month for rent and paying someone else's mortgage. Whereas, I can have my own home with my family, living on Hawaiian Home Lands, paying way less than what I pay now. Struggling from pay check to pay check. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much needed and long overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1 represents a historic step towards the State of Hawaii fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. if enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100 year history of HHCA, HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulaiwi.

In closing please PASS HB2511, HD1 to help advance Prince Kuhio Kalaniana'oles vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's fulfill the Promise!!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure!

HB-2511-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Teresa Makuakane-Drechsel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and member of the Committee,

My name is Teresa Makuakane-Drechsel, and I am a resident of Kalawahine Streamside (Hawaiian Home Lands), in Honolulu. I strongly SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. This bill represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling its promise to house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920.

I urge you to pass HB2511, HD1 to help advance Prince Kuhio Kalaniana'ole's vision!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted on: 2/27/2022 2:12:47 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Marvelee K Kahaleauki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Marvelee Kahaleauki, I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I **STRONGLY SUPPORT** HB2511, which establishes the Hawaiian Home Lands Special Fund; appropriates funding for DHHL to enable beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust to acquire a residence and to enable DHHL to fulfill its fiduciary duties to beneficiaries.

Mahalo for your consideration of my testimony

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Sharae Hawelu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Sharae Hawelu, I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I **STRONGLY SUPPORT** HB2511, which establishes the Hawaiian Home Lands Special Fund; appropriates funding for DHHL to enable beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust to acquire a residence and to enable DHHL to fulfill its fiduciary duties to beneficiaries.

Mahalo for your consideration of my testimony

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Rebecca Kapolei Kiili	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Rebecca Kapolei Kiili and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I **STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1**, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house Native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

Our families have been displaced because we cannot afford to live in our ancestral lands. This separation has created more problems for the health and well-being of Native Hawaiian families for far too long. We need Hawai‘i to love Hawaiians, to fulfill the agreements made to ensure that we can thrive in our own homelands. The future generations of our families are deserving of a foundation to build upon.

In closing, please **PASS HB2511, HD1**, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Kapolei Kiili

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Melanie Puanani Mundon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Melanie P. Mundon, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi. My father is over 50% native Hawaiian and he is now almost 89 yrs old. He has been on the waiting list for over 50 yrs. I don't know that he will see the day that he or any of his children will benefit from Hawaiian Homelands that our monarchs had the foresight to establish for the benefit of the Hawaiians who need it most.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Aloha,

Melanie P. Mundon

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Lena Carver	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Members of the Committee,

My name is Lena Carver, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long over-due funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step toward the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waiting list for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulaiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kuhio Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
David Abraham	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is David Abraham, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. **I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1**, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Ke aloha nui,
David Abraham

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2022 5:23:24 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Claire Gearen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony for House Bill 2511 HD1

3/01/22 11:00A

House Conference Room 308

Dear Chair Sylvia Luke and Vice-chair Kyle T. Yamashita, and Other Members of the House Committee on Finance,

My name is Claire Gearen, and I write in strong support of House Bill 2511 HD1 relating to Hawaiian Homelands.

In September of 2019, I attended Faith Action for Community Equity’s Affordable Housing Summit. Guest speakers Peter Ho, Rick Blangiardi, Stanley Chang, Kimberly Pine, Peter Savio, and others spoke about the “challenges and opportunities” of creating more affordable housing in Hawaii. Although Hawaiian Homelands was not specifically mentioned, my main take-away from the day long intensive was that moving the waitlist for Hawaiian Homelands would benefit all those seeking affordable housing in the state.

Indeed, approximately 28,700 households are on the waitlist for land, which is equal to close to half of the 65,000 units of housing stock projected at that time to be needed for our state in the near future.

It is telling that both Catholic Charities and Habitat for Humanity have submitted testimony in support of this legislation.

A \$600 million appropriation could house 2,000-4,000 families on the waitlist. This would free up housing stock for other Hawai’i households.

This has been an argument merely in terms of affordable housing needs for our island community, but let us not forget that it is currently:

129 years since the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom.
124 years since a United States simple majority senate vote annexed the Hawaiian Islands (against U.S. law).

101 years since the passing of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act!
(With only 1 household housed for every 3 on the waitlist.)

And 29 years since the passing of the 1993 U.S. Apology Resolution, with little to show for it in terms of redress for wrongs committed.

I am a high school teacher with the Hawai'i Department of Education and I would like to point out that almost 25% of Hawai'i Public School students are native Hawaiian. Stable housing is the greatest priority for their success in school. In fact, in recent years I saw firsthand how moving the waitlist for Hawaiian Homelands can support a child. My student's family was awarded a turnkey property in Kapolei. This student wrote about his gratitude for his family's new home, and I learned that his grandfather, a Vietnam Veteran, had slipped in and out of homelessness and died on the waitlist. As we know, this is a tragic and not at all an uncommon story.

House Bill 2511 "holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for too long."

Thank you to all who have introduced this bill. It gives me great hope for the future.

Sincerely and with aloha,

Claire Gearen

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2022 5:50:33 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Louise Keala Perreira	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB5211;

I totally support this Bill with my whole heart. This Bill will be able to help Hawaiians attain homes in times of hardship, Keep Hawaiian off the beaches make suitable home for our people to live Land that we can live on, build on, and thrive on. This is the start of something big I cant wait wait attain a home for myself and get off the list.. Again I support HB2511 and In hopes for a future here on this island and not in big America. Thank you very much, LOuise Keala Perreira

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2022 7:07:49 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Julia Estigoy-Kahoonei	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Julia Estigoy-Kaho'onei and I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THE THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2022

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair
Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita, Vice Chair

DATE: Tuesday, March 1, 2022
TIME: 11:00 a.m.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
NOTICE OF HEARING: **HB2511 HD1**

POSITION: **STRONG SUPPORT HB2511, HD1**

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair and Members, of the Committee,

HB2511, HD1 in it's current form would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable Native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA) of 1920.

Should this legislation be enacted, it would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians. Though this bill it may not help every single Hawaiian due to the constraints of the HHCA, it has the potential to reduce the waitlist by offering the chance for homeownership who qualify under the HHCA.

I urge this committee to pass this bill out of committee and all changes that could be made to this bill all be to strengthen the intent of this bill and to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Mahalo for reading this testimony and this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo,

Ken Farm

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2022 8:57:52 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Lindsey A Drayer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Lindsey Drayer, and I a born and raise resident of Maui. I **STRONGLY SUPPORT** HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please **PASS** HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2022 9:52:01 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jack Mckeague	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha mai

My name is Jack Mckeague and I am a Native Hawaiian lessee in the Moku of Ko'olaupoko, Waimanalo. I received my award back in 1993 which was passed down from my father, Jack Mckeague Sr who passed away in 1992. My father was on the list since 1961 and never got the opportunity to realize his dream of owning his own home. He was on the list since 1961. I am now fulfilling his legacy.

I am in strong support of HB2511, HD1, which would give DHHL \$600 million, that is so over due and much needed to fulfill the vision of our citizen Prince, Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole. Like my father, so many of our Kupuna have died waiting on the list. Waiting for a home on their ancestral lands. Many of my relatives have also passed away while waiting on the list. The appropriation of this \$600 million will go a long way in putting our people, especially our Kupuna back on the land. This would also mean so much to future generations by giving them an opportunity to stay in Hawai'i rather than having to move away to afford their own home.

Again, I strongly urge that you pass HB2511, HD1 and give our Lahui hope in the future. A future where their Ohana can remain in their ancestral lands and continue the legacy of Na Kupuna. Those that came before us.

Mahalo Piha for your consideration

Jack Mckeague Jr.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2022 10:12:16 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Tasia KALAMA	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I Tasia Kalama support the HB2511 HD1. As a 3rd generation homesteader and lesse in Kapolei. I am thankful and humbled to be able to own my own home in Hawaii. I lived away for 14 years because I could not afford to own a home here. But when DHHL opened new lots and awards in Kapolei I moved back to the islands in hope of becoming a lot recipient. It was a leap of faith on my part, my family, and took much discipline to stay the course. We moved home, started from scratch, and made the sacrifices needed to live in Hawaii on homestead land. I was on the list for 10 years at this time. It took 5 years but I moved into a new home in the Kanehili subdivision in 2010.

I cannot tell you how thankful I am to be living at home in Hawaii. I would not be able to afford to live here without being a DHHL lesse. I do not take for granted what has been given. I am able to pass my lesse to my son, I was able to raise my son in this home and put him through college as a single parent after my divorce. He graduated from UH with a Bachelors degree in Sociology who now serves the Honolulu Police Department as a Police Officer. I would not have been able to accomplish this if I didn't live on homestead land.

The cost of living is too high to afford homeownership and for most living on the mainland is not an option. Please think of the many Hawaiians who will be displaced without the necessary funds that would help reach good people, with good jobs, and good family values. Many of us are hardworking, believe in our traditions and culture, and need a home to call our own in Hawaii to raise the next generation.

Mahalo Nui for your consideration,

Tasia Kalama

KANEHILI Lesse

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2022 10:28:46 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Brenten Kanoa Yamane	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Brenten Kanoa Yamane, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2022 11:01:44 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Roland L Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha mai kākou,

The Department of Hawaiian Homelands needs resources to fulfill its fiduciary duties to beneficiaries. I support HB2511 HD1 because this legislation will provide \$600,000,000 to DHHL that can be used to enable beneficiaries to acquire residences and reduce or eliminate the waitlist. Unfortunately, there are three times as many people on the waitlist as there are beneficiaries with homestead leases statewide. This is a unique opportunity for DHHL to acquire the resources substantial enough to address the problems associated with so many people still on the waitlist.

Mahalo for the time and attention given to this matter.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2022 11:14:10 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Katie Ruth Kekua	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha My Name is Katie Ruth Mauna- ala Kekua

My Mom had been on the list for Hawaiian homes since 1974. She Passed away in 2003 and Never got awarded a home. When my mom passed away in 2003 she left me as the successor of her application I have since been trying to receive an award for a Hawaiian homes unit. With the prices going up in Hawaii it is very hard to afford a home. Please take this bill into consideration and approve it for we have many native Hawaiians in need of a place to live I, Myself and my Family are in need and waited for far too long. My dear Mom 100% Hawaiian passed away without ever having a chance to live on Hawaiian homelands. I myself have 94% Hawaiian and that is a shame that I can't be awarded a home when I am able to afford some kind of payment I am not asking for a home for free 🙏 once again I say please take this bill into consideration and approve it mahalo may you all have a blessed day.

Sincerely yours Katie Ruth Kekua

808-797-0955

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/27/2022 11:28:04 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
pookela hanson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Po'okela Hanson, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Put our people back on their land and let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 3:30:06 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Regina Peterson	Individual	Comments	Yes

Comments: HB 2511 9,959 leases 44,096 lease applications 28,700 on the wait list -----

Firstly, 9,959 leases at the end of 100 years is an abysmal performance. Based on the trend of that performance it will take another 289 years to work off just the people on the wait list. Or, 445 years if all of the lease applications are valid. How much has the legislature appropriated in total even in the 62 years of “Statehood” in 1959? Including all Federal funding, it must be into the hundreds of \$billions. How many houses and buildings have been built in those 62 years? Hundreds of thousands, literally So, please, let’s not talk about “the spirit of the HHCA” nor your “fiduciary duty. You have failed in both. -----

----- One doesn’t have to be a genius to figure out that this \$600M sum is wholly inadequate. $\$600M / 44,096 \text{ lease applications} = \$13,607$ $\$600M / 28,700 \text{ wait list} = \$20,906$ At a time when the median house value on O’ahu in December 2021 is: The above figures wouldn’t make a 1 – 2% dent in the deposit required for a home, let alone for the construction of the require homes. You are not going to make a dent in the problem with a paltry \$600 Million \$600 Million doesn’t even amount to a “rounding error” on the valuation of all of the lands that were stolen from the Hawaiian people in violation of international law. And, under that same international law you have zero legitimacy or authority whatsoever. None. It is clearly not Hawaiians that need “rehabilitation” To misquote Luke 4:23 “Physician heal thyself. What you have done for yourselves, do so now for my people in my country.” That being said, we will humor your collective “delusions of grandeur” and entertain the current proposition in earnest. -----

----- THE LANGUAGE OF THE BILL If the \$600 million is to be appropriated to DHHL then it should be place in a legislative “lock box” that assures that the funds may only be used directly and only for the purposes of placing people back on the land in accordance with the HHCA. Page 4 , line 14 – 17 14 (b) Moneys in the special fund shall be used by the 15 department of Hawaiian home lands to fulfill its fiduciary 16 duties to beneficiaries of this Act, including provide funding 17 for beneficiaries to acquire a residence. The \$600 M should be irrevocable, so funding is not affected by the vagaries of State finances. This assures the beneficiaries that the funds are guaranteed. Page 5, line 7 – 11 7 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general 8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$600,000,000 or so 9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 to be 10 deposited into the Hawaiian homelands special fund established 11 pursuant to section 2 of this Act. As mentioned above, \$600M is a paltry sum that is wholly inadequate to achieve the mandate of the HHCA. Any mention of a ceiling is not congruent with the cost of accomplishing the mandate of the HHCA. Page 5, line 7 – 11 12 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the Hawaiian home 13 lands special fund the sum of \$600,000,000 or so much thereof as 14 may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the department of 15 Hawaiian homelands to enable

beneficiaries of the Hawaiian home lands trust to acquire a residence and to enable the department to fulfill its fiduciary duties to beneficiaries; provided that the expenditure ceiling for the Hawaiian home lands special fund shall be \$600,000,000. If you calculate the present value of \$600 Million in 1893 dollars. It is the equivalent being paid and settling for this amount in 1893 \$600 M discounted for 129 years (1893 – 2022) at a 5% discount rate. (see next page source) = $\$600M / (1.05)^{129} = \$600M / 541.277 = \$1.1 \text{ Million in 1893}$ Source: <https://finance.yahoo.com/news/200-years-us-interest-rates-121500627.html> 5% is an approximation but rounded for an easy to quote/remember number. In reality, the ‘discount rate’ since 1893 is probably closer to 4.5%. That would result in it being about \$2 million in 1893. Without splitting hairs the message is the same. Hawaiians are getting fucked.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 5:02:45 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Leihulu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Leihulu Mahoe, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

As many Kanaka Maoli exist they do with constant hardship in their own lands. A commonality of indigenous people- pushed from their lands to hopefully thrive elsewhere but only to return one day to further hardship. My heart aches for all who have passed waiting on this list of empty promises. My father waited over 50 years on this list...and unfortunately did not get to see what he passionately fought for all these years. Do not let another 50 years pass without making right a wrong. We are native. We are Hawaiian. Give us back what is rightfully ours. The time is now!

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 5:19:12 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Albert J Martini III	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Albert Martini and I am a Kama'Aina resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Albert Martini

HEARING OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

ATTN: CHAIR SYLVIA LUKE & VICE CHAIR KYLE T. YAMASHITA

Testimony in Strong Support of HB2511, HD1, Relating to DHHL

March 1, 2022, 11:00 a.m., Via Videoconference

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, and Members of the House Committee on Finance:

I am testifying today in strong support of HB2511, HD1, Relating to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (“DHHL”). Sufficient funding has been a major stumbling block for DHHL, and passing this measure is an important step towards bringing Prince Kūhiō’s vision to life on the ground and in our communities.

Although I am testifying in my personal capacity, I have some experience in this area. I am a Professor of Law at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa’s William S. Richardson School of Law and the Director of Ka Huli Ao Center for Excellence in Native Hawaiian Law. I teach and write in this highly specialized area, including the Law School’s course in Native Hawaiian Law where we cover the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (“HHCA”) and funding issues in particular. I am also a practicing attorney with over twenty years of litigation experience in Native Hawaiian Law.

Honoring Prince Kūhiō’s vision is about more than respecting our ali‘i. Your legal duties under the HHCA are a condition of statehood. In other words, the State’s admission to the Union was granted, in part, on the condition that our local government implement the HHCA. For many reasons, that has not happened. As a result, at the 1978 Constitutional Convention, Hawai‘i’s people made changes to our Constitution, removing the Legislature’s discretion to fund DHHL. Additionally, article XII, section 2 of Hawai‘i’s Constitution reaffirmed that Hawaiian Homes projects throughout this pae ‘āina “shall be faithfully carried out.” Unfortunately, even with this express language, more than one hundred years after the HHCA’s passage, its full intent and purpose have yet to be realized.

HB2511, HD1 is an important step in the right direction. Please vote to pass it out today.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Me ka ha‘aha‘a,

/s/

D. Kapua‘ala Sproat

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 7:07:58 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Sheelana Hawelu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Sheelana Kaheleonalani Hawelu, I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I **STRONGLY SUPPORT** HB2511, which establishes the Hawaiian Home Land Special Fund; appropriates funding for DHHL to enable beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust to acquire a resident and to enable DHHL to full fill its fiduciary duties to beneficiaries.

Mahalo for your consideration of my testimony.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 7:09:19 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
EDWARD GOMES	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Edward Gomes, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 7:10:04 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Patrick Watson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Patrick Watson and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Part of this funding should also be allocated towards a third party independent watchdog entity which tracks where this money goes and how it is managed and spent, providing monthly reports available to the community and accountable to Hawaiian community groups and organizations.

Mahalo!

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 7:28:42 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
mary drayer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

it's long past time to get kanaka on their land and into their homes - please do the right thing, before there are no Hawaiians left in Hawaii - transplants are taking over - mahalo for the opportunity to submit this testimony

mary drayer

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wailuku, hi

My Testimony for HB2511

Aloha, my name is Kamehalani “Kama” Ortiz; I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I currently serve my City and State as a fire investigator with the Honolulu Fire Department. I have been in the Fire department for over twenty years, and I enjoy giving back to the community. I was stationed at Waianae, Nanakuli, Waimanalo, Kapolei, and East Kapolei over my many years as a firefighter. I am proud to serve the public as a first responder and as a Native Hawaiian. I have been equally proud to serve the Hawaiian Homestead community over my many years of public service. Being a Native Hawaiian, I was excited to put my name on the Hawaiian Homes list when I was younger. Not because I wanted to appropriate land or a home, but because I had a chance to be part of a community. Growing up in Kaneohe, my parents had difficulties with life, and like many other Hawaiian children, I was left with my grandparents. Unfortunately, my grandmother passed when I was five years old, so I was left with just my grandfather. He was seventy-three years old. We lived in a modest home in Kaneohe, hardly a working TV, and one radio. But what we didn’t have in items or even family members, we made up with love and support. The values I learned in that household with my grandfather have shaped me to be who I am today. In that home, I learned the value of giving back to others. In that home, I learned what sacrifice means. In that home, I learned what responsibility entailed, and how not to blame others for where I am in life. In that home, I learned what it meant to be from Hawaii. I learned as I got older, that the values I cherished were in-part taught to me by my grandfather and the home we lived in. Owning a home in the land where you grew up and where your ancestors grew up, fills you with a sense of pride. It fills you with a sense of continuity and that the values we’ve been taught can be passed on to our children. I have been on the Hawaiian Homes list for over fifteen years, and I have not even come close to owning a home in Hawaii. We have tried time and time again, but the rising costs of living in Hawaii have become too

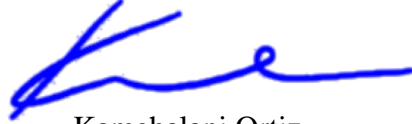
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much of a burden for us. Both my wife and I come from humble beginnings and unless we have an opportunity to purchase a home through the Hawaiian homes listing, I fear my family and I will have to move when I retire. It hurts my heart, that the community and public I helped to protect, I will have to leave. I am not the only first responder going through these difficult times. My fellow firefighters are also on the list and try their hardest to survive during these tough times, while still upholding their commitment to public service. Many of my Native Hawaiian brothers in blue, some of which I've had the honor of working with, have moved away because of the rising costs of purchasing a home in our beloved state. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511/SB3359, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511/SB3359 represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians by the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511/SB3359 holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi. As legislation, you have the opportunity to make things right, to change what's always been done. You have the opportunity to bring back public trust in its government, to change the narrative. If you don't, then the values of old Hawaii that we grew up in will eventually be lost. Our motto in the Honolulu Fire Department is Pride, Service, and Dedication. Values and ideals each one of us in the fire department lives and dies by. Use those same values to help other Hawaiian communities struggling right now to survive during these tough times. Use those ideals, to keep

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the promise of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act and put Native Hawaiians in homes. Use those ideas to make Hawaii strong.

Mahalo for your time.

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Kamehalani Ortiz

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 7:52:35 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Noalani Nakasone	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and. members of the Committee,

My name is Noalani Nakasone, and I am a resident of Kauai, Hawaii. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawaii fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes ACT of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist too long by offering the chance of homeownership in their kulaiwi.

In closing, I ask you to please PASS HB2511, HD1, in helping to advance Prince Kuhio Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Noalani Nakasone

Kauai Resident

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Shelley Kehaulani Pe'a. I am a Native Hawaiian and I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. I am a product of growing up on Hawaiian homestead land in Pana'ewa, Hawai'i Island, and have been on the waitlist for decades. Passing this long-awaited bill would fulfill the vision of our stalwart non-voting delegate to Congress of his time, Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole, who had tirelessly fought for his people to rightfully live on their own 'āina. Please PASS HB2511, HD1.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify & kāko'o piha on this measure.

Me ka 'oia'io,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Shelley Kehaulani Pe'a', written in a cursive style.

Shelley Kehaulani Pe'a

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TO: Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Tasha Kama
Councilmember

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tasha Kama", is written over the printed name.

DATE: February 28, 2022

SUBJECT: **Hearing of March 1, 2022; Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 2511 HD 1,
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to appropriate \$600 Million in funding for the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

I am submitting this testimony as a Maui County Councilmember but not on behalf of the Maui County Council since the Council has not had the opportunity to discuss and take a position on this bill.

I strongly support this measure because this funding will help address the historic shortfalls in the funding provided by the State to the Department to fulfill the promise to the United States and Native Hawaiians made with Statehood. Providing this funding to the Department of Hawaiian Homelands will benefit native Hawaiians to the extent that it results in additional homesteads which would address the long list of beneficiaries waiting for their home in their native land. It is shameful for Hawaiian to die on the waitlist while waiting for the State of Hawaii to deliver on its 63-year old promise.

Further, to the extent that additional funding will assist with the provision of Hawaiian Home Lands homesteads to the many wait-listers in Maui County, this matter is of concern to the County of Maui as any new homesteads help to address the crisis of affordable housing in our communities.

For the foregoing reasons, I **strongly support** this measure.

CC: Chair Alice Lee

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 8:57:22 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Rubie Murata	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Rubie Murata, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 8:59:35 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
geanine keaunui	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support Bill HB 2511 with some ammendments.

I support the intent of HB2511, but as written more NHs will continue to die on the waitlist while a select few take advantage of the system and get rich!

This is a good start to remove NH from the long waitlist, but it doesn't address the issue of how the funds will be used. It should go towards infrastructure first and foremost to make the largest impact on NH homes on DHHL lands **NOT COMMERCIAL SPACE!** The Bill is so broad that it allows the Department of Hawaiian Homelands to issue loans to NH to secure housing, but that could be housing on Fee Simple private properties. It should be limited to DHHL lands only. The Bill should also make DHHL homes more affordable. Many NHs have waited for decades to live on DHHL lands, but the price of homes on DHHL are skyrocketing due to pre-developed communities built by huge development firms making money not taking into consideration the population they are serving. Many of the homes in these communities are poorly built, but the prices are too high for the average NH to afford. Given the current housing market in Hawaii DHHL needs to do more with any funding they receive from the Legislature or the Federal Government or private donations to put Hawaiians on the land. **STOP MAKING EXCUSES AND START LIVING UP TO YOUR FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITIES! STOP DEVELOPING LAND FOR PRIVATE COMMERCIAL USE THAT DOESN'T GENERATE INCOME TO PUT NHs ON THE LAND!**

1. continues to lease prime real estate to private investors for use as commercial spaces with a \$1000./year leases. They are only generating \$1000/year from these prime lands. That's not helping put NHs on the land it's not even paying for any future infrastructure. That is a joke. No more commercial leases until **1/2** of the list is placed in homes. Commercial leases are only benefitting **Kali Watson, Kamaki Kanahale, DiBartollo (aka San Francisco 49ers owners), Mike Kahikina to name a few.** needs to stop lining the pockets of a few NHs and NON nhs and start taking care of the rest of the NHs that have waited for decades and the future generations to come.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 9:05:55 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Craig Bo Kahui	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Craig Bo Kahui, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Craig Bo Kahui

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 9:18:26 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Ka`anohiokala Pe`a	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Ka'ānohiokalā Pe'a, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise! Aloha nui!



HB2511 HD1
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

House Committee on Finance

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

11:00 A.M.

Room 308 & Videoconference

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, and members of the Committee. My name is Leina'ala Ahu Isa and I am the Vice Chair of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA).

I am writing to strongly **SUPPORT HB2511 HD1**, which provides much needed funding to assist Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) in fulfilling its obligation to native Hawaiian beneficiaries and developing a multipronged approach to eliminating its waitlist.

Under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA), the United States and the State of Hawai'i are entrusted with the solemn duty to administer the HHCA on behalf of native Hawaiian beneficiaries. DHHL accordingly administers approximately 203,500 acres of Hawaiian Home Lands Trust lands set aside from the public land trust lands under the HHCA, for residential, agricultural, and pastoral use by native Hawaiian beneficiaries, for whom there are 10,000 existing homestead leases statewide, with over 28,700 waitlist applications.

The historic pronouncement in **HB2511 HD1**, to provide housing for native Hawaiians, reflects the State of Hawai'i's needed action to fulfill its statutory and fiduciary obligations to the beneficiaries of the HHCA trust. These much-needed funds will assist DHHL, which seeks critical long-term access to adequate funding to meet its challenges in managing HHCA trust lands. I applaud the intent of this measure to address the housing needs of over 28,700 applicants who remain on the waitlist.

For these reasons, I urge the Committee to pass **HB2511 HD1**.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 9:45:42 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Evelyn Hascall	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Evelyn Hascall, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 9:46:30 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kristen Young	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, and members of the committee,

My name is Kristen and I am a resident of Hawai‘i, born and raised. Like a lot of people who live in Hawai‘i today and many people in leadership positions, I am NOT Native Hawaiian, but I have been extremely privileged to live in Hawai‘i. If we are not working to house Native Hawaiians on their own land, we should not have the right to call these islands home.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Kristen Young
House District 25

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 10:07:21 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kulani Hoohuli	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Kulani Ho'ohuli, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i and I **STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1**, which would appropriate \$600 million in a much-needed and an extremely long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable thousands of native Hawaiians, like myself to acquire residences.

HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the *State of Hawai'i fulfilling its long awaited promise* it made when it became a state that *it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. When enacted*, this would be the *single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA existence. HB2511, HD1*, holds the potential for generational changes for *native Hawaiians who have languished and unfortunately died on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.*

In closing, **please PASS HB2511, HD1**, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill this Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 10:17:24 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Carol Johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee:

My name is Carol N. Johnson, and I am Native Hawaiian. Although I currently reside in Utah, I speak for my ‘ohana and future generations of my extended ‘ohana who live in Hawai‘i.

I strongly support HB 2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable Native Hawaiians to acquire residences.

Will you please fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision by passing HB 2511, HD1 at this critical and historic time.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Carol N. Johnson

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 10:17:27 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Erin Drayer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Erin Drayer and I am resident of Hawai'i, who was born and raised here. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

February 28, 2022

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Tracie Castro and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawaii. I am writing in support of HB2511, HD1. The Department of Hawaiian Homes Land has provided so many homes to families that might not otherwise be able to afford homes. In these times, basic necessities have been a struggle to maintain. I hope and pray that this measure passes to provide affordable lifestyles to Native Hawaiians.

I am one of those people and am so grateful. I would love for DHHL to continue to assist all Native Hawaiians to homeownership. Being able to move into a homestead community has given me the opportunity to grow as a person and as people of a greater community. I believe that more homestead communities will bring back the comfortable and safe-ness we used to have growing up for future generations. It will also strengthen the Hawaiian and local culture that the Aloha State prides itself in.

Mahalo nui loa for your attention to this matter,

Tracie Castro

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 10:21:22 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Brent Keliokamalu Nakihei	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am a Hawaii resident and reside on Hawaiian Homestead Land in Kalamaula, Molokai.

I strongly support **HB2511 & SB3359** to help fulfill Prince Kuhio Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 10:32:18 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Shayne Pea	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Shayne Leon Kaho'ohiki Pe'a. I am a native Hawaiian and have been a DHHL applicant for a few decades. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to aquire residences. I was raised from the time of infancy on the Hawaiian Homestead residential area of Pana'ewa, Hawai'i Island. I have seen great improvement in the Pana'ewa Community since I was a little boy until now because of great delegates who had provided selfless service and showed empathy towards the concerns in our community. Please PASS HB2511, HD1.

Mahalo nui,

Shayne Pe'a

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 10:34:25 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Esther Figaroa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Esther Figaroa, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 10:51:25 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kaleonani Pe'a Cerf	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Kaleonani Pe'a Cerf, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 10:59:47 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
kahealani weza	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please find sample testimony below:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Kahealani Weza, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:06:52 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Leiolani Faurot	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Leiolani Faurot, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:08:04 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Luciano	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha: I am supporting HB2511 HD1 as it is overdue providing financial resources for housing Native Hawaiians who are in the DHHL waiting list. Mahalo nui

Luciano Minerbi

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:10:46 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Pualililehua Carriaga	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Pualililehua Carriaga, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Pualililehua Carriaga

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:10:47 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Darius Kila	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Darius K. Kila, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:11:38 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
summer lapilio	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Summer Lapilio, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:13:20 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kekai Lindsey	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Kekai Lindsey, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:14:13 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Thora-Jean Cuaresma	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Thora-Jean Cuaresma, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:15:20 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Devon Haia	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Devon Haia, and I am not Native Hawaiian but I am a resident of Hawai'i and a student at the William S. Richardson School of Law.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and **long-overdue** funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i **fulfilling the promise** it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for **far too long** by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

After studying in law school about the establishment of the Department of Hawaiian Homelands and its successive mistreatment and neglect by our government, I am making a plea to the leaders of our state to finally do the right thing and give this agency their due so they can take care of the native Hawaiians who have been waiting for far too long on the list. **It is time to do the right thing.**

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:15:54 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Ikaika Stone	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Ikaika Stone, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise and provide the opportunity for Hawaiians to stay in Hawaii!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Ikaika Stone

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:16:37 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Raphael Kealohanui IV	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Raphael and Desiree Kealohanui IV, and we are Native Hawaiian residents of Hawai'i. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:16:54 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Sally Rankin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Sally Rankin, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i Island. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences.

I've been blessed enough to have the opportunity to purchase my own hale, outside of any assistance, but as prices get higher and become even less obtainable for Native Hawaiians, this Bill matters more than ever. While this will come to late for some of my Ohana, the possibility of fulfilling this promise to others is real and long overdue.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Sally Rankin

Kealakekua, Hawai'i

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:17:18 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Summer Germano	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Summer A. Germano, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:17:24 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Mike Golojuch, Sr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB2511. Please pass.

Mike Golojuch, Sr.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:18:06 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Ka'ohu Cazinha	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Ka'ohu Cazinha, and I am a resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

It is the right thing to do and many people have been waiting on this for a very long time. In this time of revitalization and returning to the land, this is a key element.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Aloha, Ka'ohu Cazinha

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:18:41 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kalena Blakemore	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Kalena K. Blakemore, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:20:00 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Mary Jones	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Mary Jones, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1. The State of Hawai‘i must make good on it's obligation to house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920.

Thank you,

Mary Jones

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:22:42 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Alisha D Rego	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Alisha Daisy Ann Kanani Rego, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jayleen Barino	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Jayleen Barino, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:23:52 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Alexis Brissette	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Alexis Brissette, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure

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Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Blossom K. Francisco, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi. My family and I currently are paying over \$3000.00 in rent a month. This money could go towards a mortgage.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:27:46 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kuulei Akaka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Ku‘ulei Akaka, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s fulfill the promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Me ke aloha,

Ku‘ulei Akaka

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:28:24 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kaleo Auwae	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Kaleo Auwae, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:29:18 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Walter Ritte	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in strong support of HB2511. It begins to solve a great injustice here in Hawaii!

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:29:21 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Leah Benz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:31:58 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Ikaika Kincaid	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Ikaika Kincaid, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:32:41 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Raynee David	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Raynee' (Mokulehua)David, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to help native Hawaiians acquire a home.

HB2511, HD1, is "pono" for the State of Hawai'i to fulfill the promise that was made long ago to house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If passed, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. Wouldn't that be amazing?

HB2511, HD1, gives hope for generational change to native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, I humbly ask to PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance and fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Do What is Pono and Fulfill the Promise!

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Raynee' (Mokulehua)David

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:33:06 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
hilinai	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Hilina'ikamkanali'ili'i Kane, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:35:20 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Sherry Hester	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please find sample testimony below:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Sherry Hester, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:35:26 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kimi Brown	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Kimi Brown and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:37:23 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Mariana Frias Vega	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

February 28th, 2022

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Mariana Frias Vega, and I am not a Native Hawaiian but have been a resident of Hawai'i for the past 5+ years (December 31st, 2016). The backload (Karma) I've been working and the Life Force that's been powering me and giving me life for the last 5+ years (I'm aware of) is Hawaiian.

Furthermore, Hawaii is part of the macroorganism we ALL cocreate called Earth. Each cell and organ count. An organism is only as healthy as every cell that constitutes it.

A long time ago, Hawaii and Hawaiians were promised freedom, autonomy, enough resources to live (not only survive), integration to the rest of the world (Earth, matrix, reality), equal rights & responsibilities.

Has that promise been fulfilled? If not, what can we all do to repay the debt that the world owes to Hawaii???

How many Hawaiian people are homeless in their own land?

Why has it taken this long to level up? To pay it back and pay it forward?

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

I love, respect, and appreciate Hawaii and ALL its cells (people, consciousnesses).

Sincerely,

Mariana Frias Vega :)

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:37:50 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Lehua Kahalewai	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Lehua Kahalewai, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

My father died waiting for their name to called and now with my mom in poor health it will go do another generation for fullfillment.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Aloha, Lehua Kahalewai

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:39:17 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Abbie Kahula Reed	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Abbie Kahula Reed and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:39:52 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
CREE KEALOHA	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Cree Kealoha, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:40:39 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Emmaline Padeken	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Emmaline Padeken, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kanoë Kahalewai	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Madeline Kanoelani Kahalewai, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:42:08 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kahalepuna Richardson-Naki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Kahalepuna Richardson-Naki, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:42:30 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Anna Maria K Fonseca	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Anna- Maria K. Fonseca and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:43:23 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Anela Benson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Anela Benson, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Na'u me ka Ha'aha'a,

Anela Benson

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:43:40 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Faith Kalamau	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Faith Kalamau, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:45:37 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Brandee Akiona	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Brandee Akiona, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:48:27 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Justin Crespo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Justin Kaniaupio Crespo, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:51:07 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Puuneomakapuu Johnson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please find sample testimony below:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Puuneomakapuu N.A. Johnson, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Puuneomakapuu N. A. Johnson

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:51:22 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Darice Apo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Darice Apo and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:52:07 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Davielynn Briones	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Davielynn Briones, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i who has been on the waitlist for over 20 years. I watched my grandparents die waiting for their homestead and see many family members leaving the state of Hawai'i as they STILL wait for their homestead as well. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:54:35 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Chandler Nunokawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Chandler Nunokawa, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY

SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

My grandmother is 82 years old and has been on the waitlist for 40 years. To my knowledge, should she die before she receives an award, her place on the list is terminated. Without funding, it is likely that she, like many others, will never receive her award.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalanianaʻole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Sincerely,

Chandler Nunokawa

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February 28, 2022

Aloha, Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair; Rep. Kyle T. Yamashita, Vice Chair; and members of the Committee on Finance:

I am a native Hawaiian resident of Hawaii and I am writing to express my **support** of HB2511, HD1, which establishes the Hawaiian home lands special fund.

The State of Hawaii must fulfill the promise of Prince Kūhiō Kalanianaʻole in rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act.

This bill would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences and would represent the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year of its 100-year history.

HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

Mahalo for your consideration.



Ryan Kawailani Ozawa

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:58:19 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Uakea Weisbarth-Tafaoimalo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Uakea Weisbarth-Tafaoimalo, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Noah K L Nunokawa, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. A promise that the American Govt. has failed to fulfill time and time again, continuing to undermine the faith in the legal institutions that are continuing to deteriorate during these difficult times. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

My grandmother is 82 years old and has been on the waitlist for 40 years. To my knowledge, should she die before she receives an award, her place on the list is terminated. Without funding, it is likely that she, like many others, will never receive her award.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Respectfully yours,

Noah K L Nunokawa

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HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 12:00:32 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Roselani Aiwohi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Roselani Aiwohi, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo nui loa for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 12:01:02 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Mark Takizawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Mark Takizawa, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 12:01:24 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kanoa Kauweloa-Pilialoha	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is _____, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 12:02:28 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Roselani Oga	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please pass HB2511. It has been too many years of waiting to get Hawaiian families into homes that they deserve. I've had many aunties and uncles pass while still waiting their turn. Out of the whole family only 1 aunty was able to get a home in Princess Kahanu Estates. That is so sad and totally unacceptable. Please do what is right and pass HB2511. It doesn't solve the issue but it's a step in the right direction.

Mahalo,

Roselani Oga

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 12:05:00 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Vanessa Lum	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Vanessa Lum, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 12:07:37 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Nathan Hester	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Nathan Hester, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 12:10:40 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Lehua Abrigo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i and lessee in Malu'ohai Homestead in Kapolei. I support HB2511 HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable other native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511 HD1 represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA) of 1920.

For years I've followed DHHL's budget requests only to be disappointed year after year by the amount that they actually receive. As a lessee, I've witnessed their reality...trying to their best, with their limited funding, to make a dent on the waitlist of thousands of native Hawaiians hoping and praying for a chance of homeownership.

My homestead, as does many others, honors Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole every March. We are incredibly grateful for his efforts to strengthen our people and his vision to rehabilitate native Hawaiians through the HHCA program over 100 years ago. Please PASS HB2511, HD1.

Mahalo for allowing me the opportunity to testify.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 12:10:54 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
George Mukai	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is George Mukai, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Malia Evans, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Waiʻanae, Hawaiʻi. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawaiʻi fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi. I've been on the waitlist for 30 years and don't want to die on it as have so many other Kānaka ʻŌiwi...waiting in vain for the chance to live in our homeland.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalanianaʻole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Please Fulfill the Promise Made!

Mahalo nui for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Me ke aloha,
Malia K. Evans

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 12:11:15 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Aaron Alapai	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920.

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Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
ashlyn cooper	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Ashlyn Cooper, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

February 28, 2022

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Cindy Freitas and I'm a Native Hawaiian descended of the native inhabitants of Hawai'i prior to 1778 and born and raised in Hawai'i.

I am also a practitioner who still practice the cultural traditional customary practices that was instill in me by my grandparents at a young age from mauka (MOUNTAIN TO SEA) to makai in many areas.

I Strongly Support HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands that is need for the native Hawaiians to acquire residences that is way over due.

My relatives died waiting on the LIST and I don't want to be another statistic also. Please Pass HB2511, HD1.

Mahalo

Cindy Freitas
Moku o Keawe

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 12:16:08 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
B Puni Kekauoha	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Puni Kekauoha and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I am also a Hawaiian Homestead lessee in Papakolea. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

On behalf of my ohana, mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Danielle Kamakananipumehana Arias, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Me ke aloha,

Danielle K. Arias

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Charity Kaawa, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1 represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state, that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest State or Federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-Year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1 holds the potential for generational change for Native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulaiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Price Kuhio Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating Native Hawaiians through HHCA program. Let's fulfill the promise! Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Charity Kaawa

Monday, February 28, 2022

TESTIMONY in support of HB2511 SD1

Aloha nui kākou,

Mahalo for the opportunity to share my mana'o on HB2511 SD1. The State of Hawai'i is legally obligated to provide sufficient funds to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) and is not fulfilling this obligation. I will spare you the details of this legal obligation, but as an elected official I expect you all to be well versed.

DHHL's mission to provide homestead lots to DHHL beneficiaries is CONTINGENT on having appropriate funding. Most recent estimates suggest a cost of \$6B in order to get all of the applicants currently on the DHHL waiting list onto homestead lots. Allocation of \$600M with the passing of this bill is just ONE SMALL STEP in a pono direction for the State of Hawai'i to provide CRITICAL FUNDING to DHHL.

Besides providing funding that the State is already obliged to, please think about the overall state of housing in the islands. All of Hawai'i's people are struggling in our exceptionally and uniquely constrained housing market. I hear many speak of affordable housing endeavors, and I believe that providing housing to DHHL beneficiaries is one of the BEST ways to make huge impacts on addressing the need for affordable housing for Hawai'i's local residents. If all 28,916 DHHL applicants on the waitlist are able to move onto homestead lands this impacts the need for affordable housing in two ways: 1. affordable housing is provided to 28,916 people of Hawai'i, not foreigners or transients AND 2. the units currently occupied by these thousands of applicants and their families in Hawai'i will be freed up and will potentially increase the options available in the housing market for other local residents, thereby lessening the constraints on the housing market.

Yes, providing these funds during a pandemic seems almost impossible. But it is not impossible. You have the opportunity to MAKE it possible. There is never a good time. And every year that this bucket is kicked down the road, more native Hawaiians are dying on the waitlist. Please make drastic changes to the quality of life of native Hawaiians, your constituents, in Hawai'i by supporting this bill.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Lillie Makaila
Ko'olau, O'ahu, Hawai'i

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 12:22:06 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
M. Leilani DeMello	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is M. Leilani DeMello, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 12:22:30 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Rona Kekauoha	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha mai kakou e Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Rona Kekauoha and I am a resident of O'ahu and of Native Hawaiian, Chinese, and German ancestry. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and **LONG-OVERDUE** funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable Native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i **FULFILLING THE PROMISE** it made when it became a state in 1959 that it would house Native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for **GENERATIONAL CHANGE** for Native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating Native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 12:26:15 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kamalei Wilhelm	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Kamalei Wilhelm, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 12:27:57 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Olivia Banning	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Olivia Banning, decendant of King Kamehameha the First, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 12:46:24 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Sherrie Galdeira	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is SHERRIE GALDEIRA, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

My name is Rabecca Colobong, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in our kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

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Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Liliana Napoleon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



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We urge you to submit testimony in support of this bill. Let's Fulfill the Promise!



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Written testimony should be submitted by Monday, February 28, 2022.

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Liliana Napoleon, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential to wait far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Bree Maumausolo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Bree Maumausolo, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 12:56:18 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Lama Chang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Lama Chang, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i and work in the homeless sector. To that it is disturbing that there is an overwhelming amount of homeless Native Hawaiians on their own homeland.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920.

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Lama Chang

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 12:57:22 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Asia Maning	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Asia Maning. And I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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HB-2511-HD-1

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Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Lisette Puanani Akamine	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Lisette Puanani Akamine, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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HB-2511-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Roxanne Carvalho	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Roxanne Carvalho, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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HB-2511-HD-1

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Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
louise drayer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

in full support of this bill - DHHL needs to put kanaka oiwi on their own land - i am submitting testimony in support of this bill for myself, loouise drayer and other 'ohana - bryceen silva; kameaiomakamae drayer-hoopii; kahiau snyder; glenn thielk; erin drayer and many others

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 1:10:32 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Herman Kele	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Herman Kele, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 1:10:53 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
shania rapoza	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Shania, and I am a resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1 would allow for a step in the right direction for retribution for Native Hawaiians to take place. Native Hawaiians have been subjugated since the overthrow of Queen Liliuokalani and the unlawful annexation of the Hawaiian Kingdom. In the current state we are in, the housing market is outrageous and has been taken over by price-gouging. The price-gouging for the scarce availability of housing makes it almost impossible for Native Hawaiians to own or rent housing here in their own homeland, leaving many homeless or forced to re-locate. Furthermore, this price-gouging not only drives out Native Hawaiians and their families, but allows for outsiders to come into Hawaii and take away housing here that could go to Native Hawaiians. This process oppresses Native Hawaiians and continues the cycle of discrimination and illegal colonization. There is great potential in this bill and to have it passed would mean for institutional change for generations to come and to have Hawaiian lands back in Hawaiian hands, rightfully so.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Shania Rapoza

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Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Haynah Cabanlet	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Haynah Cabanlet, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Luukia Archer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Luukia Archer, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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HB-2511-HD-1

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Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Mara Paio	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Mara Paio, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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HB-2511-HD-1

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Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
manuel kupahu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is _____, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

All ceded kingdom of Hawaii land should be returned to the Hawaiians. This state should be building Hawaiian Homes.

Ceded land should be for Hawaiians and not leased to Anyone else.

Manuel Kuoahu

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 1:25:05 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
kehaulani custino	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Ioha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Kehaulani Custino, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Waldagene Ferreira	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I, Waldagene Ferreira, being on the waitlist since 1978, and now retired with a set income. I'm looking forward to seeing any if this will pass. Or just another smoke cloud for another 100 yrs.

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Deanne Enos _____, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511 HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

Additionally, I am an 83 year old, 50% Hawaiian single woman, on the waitlist for 37 years, since 1983, and am hesitant if anything will become available for me prior to my passing.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.
Deanne Enos/Feb. 28, 2022

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Logan Taylor P Motas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Logan Taylor Motas, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 1:40:17 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
heaven kupahu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hawaiians shouldn't have to make loans from banks. habilitate homes or self help homes should be built. 600 million divided by the 28 thousand people is 21,000. That won't even be enough for supples to build a home on Hawaiian ceded public land that was secured by Kamehameha the 3rd.

this should be a annual thing. Along with all the back pay that the state is trying to exchange land that already is the kingdom of hawaii. Hawaii is illegally annexed by the state of hawaii. The hawaiian people needs there land for survival from all foreigners. A cap should be put on how much land one should own and taken back by and given 1acre properties so we can plant and raise food.

Why should Hawaiians make loans from thanks when all we need is self help homes and habilitate homes. Stop trying to suppress my people. Your just like Russia pushing its native people and bullying us around. Suppressing us from our language. This is the kingdom of hawaii not the state of hawaii. You have just been a plague to us all. Shame on you for leasing land to Uh and the airport and other ceded lands for dirt cheap, 100 dollar leases, shame on you. Then again in waimanalo meadow gold farm to be leased to Uh again. Shame, make it ag 1 acre lands for Hawaiians homes stead. Give us our land back. I am a very proud kanaka mauoli, don't worry we know, students at Kamehameha knows the desecration that you have done to our people. We are taught history of who we are and what the United States did to us.

Give back our ceded lands, public lands.

Heaven Kupahu

7th grade student from Kamehameha schools

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 1:40:19 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
david enos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is David Ikaika Enos, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Shauna Mau, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed endlong-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulaiwi.

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Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 1:59:34 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Chantal Keliioomalulu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Chantal Keliioomalulu, and I am a resident of Hawaiian Homestead and mother and wife of Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.
Chantal Keliioomalulu

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 2:10:59 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Erin L. Ah Sue	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Erin Leialohamakamai Ah Sue, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 2:12:01 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kuulei Ho	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, and members of the Committee,

My name is Kuulei Ho and I am a Native Hawaiian born and raised in Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in LONG-OVERDUE and much-needed funding to the Dept. of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. This bill HB2511, HD1 would be the largest investment in the program in any one year of the 100-YEAR HISTORY of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, and would provide HOPE for the people on the waitlist.

PLEASE PASS HB2511, HD1.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Aloha, e mālama pono, Ke Akua pū.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 2:15:08 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Lovena Mahelona	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Lovena Mahelona_, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Summerlyn Nahinu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Summerlyn Nahinu, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I **STRONGLY SUPPORT** HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please **PASS** HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Shereen Balles	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita

and members of the Committee,

My name is Shereen Patrice Keli'i'ōpua

Balles, decendant of the Konia, Nākoa, 'Ā'ā and Nahi'ena'ena 'Ohana, and I am KANAKA MĀ'OLI -Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo nui loa,

Shereen

HB-2511-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Annemarie Paikai	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Annemarie Paikai, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

Though I am Native Hawaiian, I was raised away from Hawai‘i in part due to Hawai‘i's high cost of living. My father, felt it more likely that we would be able to live comfortable away from our ‘ohana. While I have returned, my father is still unable to come home. Both my father and my husband have been on the list for 15 and 20 years respectively, and now more than ever, whether my family and my children will be able to live comfortably in our kulāiwi in perpetuity is ever present on my mind. Our ‘ohana are not the only ones waiting for housing. Please direct resources back to the Indigenous people of Hawai‘i in the form of housing and access to a comfortable life in the place of our ancestors.

Please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

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Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Loel Kaikuaana	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Loel-Anjanette Lokelani Kaikuaana, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.



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February 28, 2022

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita, and members of the Committee,

My name is Kahu Dr. Francine Park Palama, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kristi-Ann Say	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Kristi-Ann Say, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 2:51:56 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Destiny Alegria	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

TO: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair; The Honorable Kyle T. Yamashita, Vice-Chair; and Members of the House Committee on Finance, and Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs

TESTIFIER POSITION: Support

BILL: HB2251 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS

HEARING: March 1, 2022 @ 11 am. Room 308 via Videoconference

Aloha,

My name is Destiny Alegria, and I am a MSW student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I am testifying in favor of the bill HB2251 that establishes the Hawaiian home lands special fund. Appropriates \$600 million in funds for DHHL to enable beneficiaries of the Hawaiian home lands trust to acquire a residence and to enable DHHL to fulfill its fiduciary duties to beneficiaries.

HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

I'm a practicum student at Kula No Po'e Hawaii, a community outreach program that serves the Papakōlea homestead community. Every day my team and I are constantly advocating and creating change for our Kanaka Maoli, but DHHL rarely addresses our concerns and needs. While working in the community, I experienced firsthand how poorly it's maintained, and there are countless safety hazards for our kupuna. Just to name a few, there is rubbish and abandoned cars taking up the sidewalks, rugged and uneven roads/stairs that are not handicap accessible, and most bus stops do not have a bench or shade for the pedestrians. If HB2251 were to pass, not only would the funding create new homestead opportunities for Native Hawaiians, it can also help with the homestead communities that are in dire need and long overdue for safety community improvements.

Please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalanianaʻole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's aim to fulfill the promise!

For these reasons, I, please urge the committee to support this measure and provide the Department of Hawaiian Homelands with the appropriate funds to carry out this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

Destiny Alegria

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February 28, 2022

Hawaii State Capitol

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Aloha e Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is R. Kawehilani Akau, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate **\$600 million** in much-needed and **long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands** to enable Native Hawaiians to acquire residences.

HB2511, HD1, represents a step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise in accordance with the **Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920**.

HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for Native Hawaiians who, like myself have been on the DHHL waiting list for over thirty-five years.

PASS HB2511, HD1, now to advance **Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's** vision for Native Hawaiians who have been displaced by greed. While foreign investors continue to lay claim to our ancestral lands and the people of Hawai'i reside in homeless communities throughout the state.

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HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 3:08:04 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Lonon F Mahi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Lonon Mahi, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

My name is Doreen Gaspar, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Doreen Gaspar

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 3:12:39 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Cory Holiday	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Cory Holiday, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

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Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Brian J. Grubert	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Brian J. Grubert, and I am a resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Aloha Brian J. Grubert

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 3:22:42 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Renee Moafanua	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha my name is Renee Moafanua.

For too long, our people have been waiting to receive a call in regards to an award of Hawaiian homelands. I have been waiting for 15 years and today the home prices are CRAZY, I feel as though I cant even afford to live here any longer

Renee Moafanua

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 3:32:27 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Alan Gonsalves	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please find sample testimony below:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Alan Gonsalves, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 3:34:39 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Noa Lincoln	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 3:38:35 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha kakou,

I RISE IN STRONG SUPPORT of HB 2511 HD1 - RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS. Establishes the Hawaiian Home Lands Special Fund. Appropriates funds into and out of the special fund for DHHL to enable beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust to acquire a residence and to enable DHHL to fulfill its fiduciary duties to beneficiaries.

This Bill proposes to appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the DHHL to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. It represents a historic step towards the legislature's Constitutional obligation to sufficiently fund DHHL in its administration of the 1920 Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, as amended.

When enacted, this will be the single largest state investment in the program, in any one year, in the 100-year history of the HHCA. This measure holds the potential for generational change for numerous HHCA beneficiaries who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

Thanking you in advance for PASSING HB2511, HD1, out of your Committee and for helping to advance Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise! Imua 'oukou a e lanakila kākou (you move forward and we all win!)

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai

Wai'anae Valley Homestead Lessee

Concerned Wai'anae Resident

p.s. Due to time constraints, I'll enumerate more concerns and suggestions during oral testimony.

HB-2511-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kapiolani Mae Kaowili-McLain	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Kapi’olani Kaowili-McLain, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

February 28, 2022

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Thelma L Garso-Pacheco, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Thelma L Garso-Pacheco

HB-2511-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Daniel Nahoopii	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Daniel Kameahanohano Nahoopii, and I am native Hawaiian on the DHHL waitlist. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

This funding will allow DHHL to develop housing that is appropriate for the needs of my fellow modern native Hawaiians. We need housing for older folks, we need different types of housing for workforce and growing families. We need a system that allows us to build generational wealth so we have equity to counter the racism and exclusivity that still exists in Hawaii's employment, education and social status structure.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.



February 27, 2022

Ref: HB2511, HD1

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Kenneth Makuakane, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i and Senior Pastor at Kawaiaha'o Church.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo Ke Akua,

Kahu Kenneth Makuakane
Senior Pastor
Kawaiaha'o Church

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 4:36:16 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Lydia Shepherd	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Lydia Shepherd and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. I have been on the waitlist for 20+ years and I'm still waiting to be awarded a Homestead. My daughter doesn't have the quantum to apply for homestead so my family's only chance for homestead would be through me.

HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Lydia Shepherd

HB-2511-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Damen Makua	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To whom it concerns,

I strongly support HB2511 HD1. It is a travesty that Hawaiians have been force to wait on a list for many years to recieve Homestead promised by the Government. My father has been on the wait list since 2014. He is now 75 years old and probably don't have the luxury of time on his side. Like many other Hawaiians who unfortunately died before being awarded Homestead is shameful and a disgrace on the part of the government to allow this to happen. What I dont understand, is that places like Maui and Hawaii where there is a multitude of land available, and yet the waitlist on the outer islands has not moved much, nor has land been awarded. It is shameful that Hawaiians have to move to other states because they no longer can afford to buy in Hawaii where they have ancestral ties. Soon Hawaii will no longer be known as the Aloha State, because Hawaiians no longer live here! rather it will be known as the state where "well to do" mainlanders come to retire. I respectfully ask that you please consider this Bill and do what is right for the Hawaiian population that still remain in Hawaii, still waiting for a piece of land that they can pass down to their keiki. Aloha Damen Makua

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 5:27:35 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Nicole Stutz	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Nicole Kanahale Stutz, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Sincerely,

Nicole Kanahale Stutz

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 5:33:05 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Luke Kaakau Jr	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Luke Kaakau Jr, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 5:34:56 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Marlene Elia	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Marlene Elia, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 6:02:36 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jason Kauhane	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Jason Kauhane, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 6:09:01 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Dennis L. Neves	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Distinguished members of the Hawaii State House of Representatives Committee on Finance my name is Dennis L. Neves, Hawaiian Homes Commissioner for the Island of Kaua'i. As a native Hawaiian beneficiary in Anahola Kaua'i I humbly ask that you support this bill and provide the necessary funding for the rehabilitation of our people. Many native Hawaiian families are in disrepair due to the lack of sufficient funds for the Department of Hawaiian Homes to complete the mission and dreams of Prince Kuhio. As a commissioner I humbly serve all our beneficiaries and continually challenge the department in its mission to fulfill its duties and responsibilities towards the fair and equitable advancement of our people. As commissioners we are continually reminded that due to staffing and funding shortages many items are on hold or delayed. Our beneficiaries continue to die on the list and this leaves a heavy weight on me as a native Hawaiian. I serve on this commission because I believe I can be more effective working within the system, improving processes, and working towards improving the lives of our people. This monetary influx will expedite the reduction of the waitlist and improve the lives of native Hawaiians. I am committed to continuing the fight for our beneficiaries through the eyes of our kupuna and the hopes and dreams of Prince Kuhio.

Respectfully,

Dennis L. Neves

Hawaiian Homes Commissioner-Kaua'i

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Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Pololu Silva	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Pololu Silva, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

February 28, 2022

To: Chair Luke; Vice Chair Yamashita; and members of the Committee

From: Shanye N. Valeho-Novikoff

Re: House Bill 2511

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Shanye Valeho-Novikoff, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i and beneficiary to the HHCA program. **I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1**, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi. **My mother, Katherine N. Valeho died on the waitlist. She passed on February 19, 1994 at the age of 59. My brother Channon H. Valeho took her position on the waitlist in 1994 and has not been awarded anything in the last 28 years. Even though I entered my name in for Hawaiian Homes in 2007, I am still waiting after 15 years.**

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Georgiana Navarro	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I Georgiana Navarro strongly support HB2511



February 26, 2022

House of Representatives

Committee on Finance

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair

Representative Kyle T Yamashita, Vice Chair and Committee Members

RE: HB2511 HDI RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS

Aloha e, Chair Luke and Committee on Finance, I 'am a Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead beneficiary – Patty Kahanamoku-Teruya, Nanakuli-Mailii Neighborhood Board No 36 Chair, one of a appointed DHHL Commissioner for O'ahu, President for the Wai'anae Coast Community Foundation, but today speaking as a resident and beneficiary to the trust and not representing any of my organizations.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in support House Bill 2511, for the appropriation of funds value to \$600,000,000 to the department of Hawaiian homelands to provide residence on Hawaiian Homelands and in eliminating its lengthy waitlist for native Hawaiians.

With over 28,00 that remain on the waitlist for their residential, these funds will assist the department and Commissioners to fulfill its fiduciary duty under the Hawaiian Homestead Act of 1920, the trust responsibilities to obtain residential, agricultural or a pastoral lot. We all understand the cost of preparing infrastructure with the many needs that require such as water, roads, and adequate land, so, this appropriate fund will be able to fund in this challenging task for development for our beneficiaries that have been waiting on the DHHL waitlist.

I also support the special fund to be administered by the department of Hawaiian Homelands to fulfill its fiduciary duties to our beneficiaries, and to provide an annual report to the Legislation and DHHL Commissioners on expenditures and a report provided of number of beneficiaries taken off the waitlist from Hawaiian homelands using the special funds account. I, further support that this special fund is strictly used for the delivering of lands to native Hawaiians and

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NOT used for any other purpose in the department unless otherwise approved by the
Legislation and appointed members of the Commission.

Mahalo for this opportunity, I strongly urge the Legislation to support House Bill 2511 in
supporting the many native Hawaiians on the waitlist waiting for their land.

Patty Kahanamoku-Teruya
PO Box 2309
Wai'ane, Hawaii 96792
808 723-9161

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 6:29:00 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jimmy Gomes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Jimmy Gomes and I am a native Hawaiian and I strongly support this bill that will appropriate 600m to DHHL

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 6:52:35 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Hannah P Moriarty	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Hannah Puakou Moriarty, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kimo Apaka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Kimo, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Taylor Quanan	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Taylor Quanan, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i, and a housing advocate. Housing is a human right. However, the current housing climate is denying this right to Native Hawaiians!

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Lei Tata	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Lei Tata, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 7:49:10 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jean Mckeague	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please give the Native Hawaiian people the access to their lands. Promises were made that have not been fulfilled. It is more difficult to get a Hawaiian Home lands lease than it is to buy a house outside of the system...why? It is time to revamp the department and get some leadership that moves things forward. Mahalo

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 8:04:16 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Shainna Estepa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Shainna Estepa, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 8:07:01 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
lynol kaawaloa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Lynol Kaawaloa, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
STANTON K SOUZA	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Mai Kakou,
Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

I, Stanton Keli'i Souza am a Native Hawaiian resident of Oahu Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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Mahalo Nui for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Ursula Tuzon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Ursula Tuzon, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
April Maile Cera Nunez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is April Kamaileolauli`ili`i Cera Nunez_, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Ryan Adric	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the committee,

My name is Ryan Adric, I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I have been on the wait list for many years. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 9:16:06 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Debra M Javar	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of this bill. Our Hawaiian people have waited too long, many have died while still on list. We need these funds to put our Hawaiian people on their homeland. This is our one and only homeland, please kokua. Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 2/28/2022 9:24:09 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
LAIE NELSON	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Laie Nelson and I am a Native Hawaiian living in California. My mother, Puanani Akaka Caindec died waiting for her entitlement of Hawaiian Homelands.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Laie Nelson

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Danette Nakooka, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Sincerely,
Danette Nakooka

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 9:31:05 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Paul Kalei Kailieha	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Paul Kalei Kailieha, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 9:52:50 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Lanell Lua	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is LANELL HAUNANI LUA, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB 2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA, HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulaiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kuhio Kalanian'ole's vision of rehabilitating netaive Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill this promise!

Mahalo Nui Loa for this opportunity to testify on this measure

Lanell Haunani Lua

February 28, 2022

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Julie Adolpho, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA, HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kula'iwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD2, to help advance Prince Kuhio Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Chris Nāhualohiokalopi Lemn Nunokawa, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

My grandmother is 82 years old and has been on the waitlist for 40 years. To my knowledge, should she die before she receives an award, her place on the list is terminated. Without funding, it is likely that she, like many others, will never receive her award.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Respectfully yours,

Nāhulu Nunokawa

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HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:12:32 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Meleanna Meyer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha mai kākou e Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

O au o Meleanna Aluli Meyer, and I am a Native Hawaiian born 7 raised, resident of Hawai'i, and I totally applaud the intention to support this critically important bill.

HB2511, HD1, will appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. I personally know beloved colleagues who have been on the waiting lists today, as have their relations— for decades. Auwē!

HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state — that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. My beloved grandfather, Noa Webster Aluli (who was a practicing lawyer in the 1920s) assisted Prince Kūhiō in creating-drafting the HHCA.

HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for home-ownership in their kulāiwi. This is the time- this is the moment— this is a landmark opportunity for pono to be realized for Hawaiians in our beloved Homeland.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of giving native Hawaiians through the HHCA program beloved 'āina, to honor this promise and bring real health to those who have waited so long. Let's Fulfill this kuleana— this responsibility!

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Nui ke aloha, O au iho nō,

Meleanna Aluli Meyer— on behalf of my ‘ohana

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 2/28/2022 11:21:45 PM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
KEVIN KAMAILE	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is KEVIN KAMAILE, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/1/2022 1:00:49 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kayla Kapuaonaonaomahinalani Christmann	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Kayla Kapuaonaonaomahinalani Christmann, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi. In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo,

Kayla

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/1/2022 2:06:33 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Pohai Hayashida	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is _pohaikealoha hayashida_, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/1/2022 5:01:17 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Carren Ramos	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Get our Hawaiian's in homes that are rightfully there's to begin with.

Keep Hawaiian land in Hawaiian hands.

Thank you.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/1/2022 7:10:13 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Renee Polido	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Renee Polido, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/1/2022 8:39:13 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kevin Kauwelo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB2511

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/1/2022 8:58:55 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Journee Timoteo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Journee Timoteo, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/1/2022 9:07:31 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Herbert Kai	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

If not for \$600M, at least for a specific project which would disperse the indigenous Hawaiian voter. Give us a chance to disperse, diversify, and influence votes...better than gerrymandering.

Herb Kai

HB-2511-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/1/2022 9:32:02 AM

Testimony for FIN on 3/1/2022 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Aleka Pahinui	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

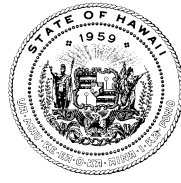
My name is Aleka Pahinui and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR
STATE OF HAWAII

JOSH GREEN
LT. GOVERNOR
STATE OF HAWAII



WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION

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DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS**

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**TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM J. AILA, JR, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
HEARING ON MARCH 15, 2022 AT 1:01PM IN CR 016**

HB 2511, HD2, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

March 15, 2022

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

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) strongly supports this bill appropriating funds into and out of the native Hawaiian rehabilitation to fulfill its fiduciary duties to beneficiaries and requiring DHHL to submit an annual report to the legislature. DHHL humbly asks this committee to pass this bill unamended.

DHHL appreciates this legislature for hearing our calls for funding and the commitment to fulfilling the state's obligation to our community. An investment of \$600 million toward the implementation of the HHCA would be a historic infusion of resources to address the needs of potentially thousands of beneficiaries on DHHL's Waiting List. DHHL continues to be open to all measures that would return native Hawaiians to the land, as intended by Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole.

As we embark on the next 100 years acknowledging the significance of the 100th anniversary of the signing of the HHCA on July 9, 2021, this bill opens up opportunities for the over 28,000 beneficiaries and their families who continue to wait for the hope of Prince Kūhiō's promise to his people. Current costs for infrastructure development, borne by the Department, are in excess of \$150,000 per lot. In order to fulfill the needs of the current waitlist through this approach, DHHL would require over \$6 billion for infrastructure costs alone to serve its beneficiaries. This significant sum is separate and apart from costs for maintenance of existing lessee communities housing nearly ten thousand beneficiaries, upkeep of several utility systems, and other costs. Over the last decade, the Legislature has funded DHHL at levels higher than in years past, which has provided increased opportunity for DHHL to increase its reach. However, by conservative estimates following this approach, it will take DHHL at least another hundred years to meet the needs of its beneficiaries at current funding levels. This infusion of funds is expected to significantly address those who have been on the waiting list for decades.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



CRAIG K. HIRAI
DIRECTOR

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR

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WRITTEN ONLY
TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 2511, H.D. 2

March 15, 2022
1:01 p.m.
Room 016 and Videoconference

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on this bill.

House Bill No. 2511, H.D. 2: appropriates \$600,000,000 in general funds for FY 23 for deposit into the Native Hawaiian Rehabilitation Fund and \$600,000,000 in trust funds for FY 23 for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to fulfill its fiduciary duties to beneficiaries; and requires an annual report to the Legislature.

B&F notes that, with respect to the general fund appropriation in this bill, the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act requires that states receiving Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II funds and Governor's Emergency Education Relief II funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

Further, the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires that states receiving ARP ESSER funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

The U.S. Department of Education has issued rules governing how these maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements are to be administered. B&F will be working with the money committees of the Legislature to ensure that the State of Hawai'i complies with these ESSER MOE requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



**Department of Land and Natural Resources
Hawaii State Aha Moku
State of Hawaii
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Testimony of
Hawaii State Aha Moku

Before the Senate Committee on
Hawaiian Affairs

Tuesday, March 15, 2022
1:01 P.M.
Conference Room 016 & Videoconference

**In SUPPORT of
House Bill 2511 HD2**

House Bill 2511 HD2 appropriates funds into and out of the native Hawaiian rehabilitation fund for DHHL to fulfill its fiduciary duties to beneficiaries. It requires DHHL to submit an annual report to the legislature.

The Hawaii State Aha Moku (Aha Moku) supports this measure.

HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920.

For decades upon decades, ever since the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act was founded by Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole in 1921, government has strived to fulfill its promise. When the State of Hawaii was established in 1959, it inherited the responsibility for the Hawaiian Homes and has also struggled to support their mandate of assisting DHHL in putting native Hawaiians on homesteads.

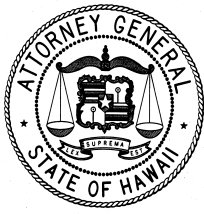
Today Hawaiian Homes beneficiaries are in complete and critical survival mode. Many beneficiaries who are lessees have multi-generations living in one house. These are the beneficiaries who are fortunate enough to have leases. Many of those who continue to be on the waiting list are cultural practitioners who depend on the natural and cultural resources to survive. Many of the beneficiaries are participants of the Hawaii State Aha Moku.

We believe HB 2511 HD2 will allow legislators and DHHL to fulfill their responsibility in the rehabilitation of native Hawaiians and urge its adoption.

Respectfully yours,

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**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, 2022**

LATE

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 2511, H.D. 2, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

DATE: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 **TIME:** 1:01 p.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 016, Via Videoconference

TESTIFIER(S): Holly T. Shikada, Attorney General,
Ryan K.P. Kanaka'ole, Deputy Attorney General,
Craig Y. Iha, Deputy Attorney General, or
Randall S. Nishiyama, Deputy Attorney General

Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General provides the following comments on this bill.

This bill appropriates funds from the general fund into the Native Hawaiian rehabilitation fund (NHRF), a trust fund administered by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) under section 213(d) and (i) of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920 (HHCA). Page 4, lines 15-19, of the bill exempts this general fund appropriation from the executive budget and allotment process. The bill then appropriates the funds from the NHRF to DHHL, to develop homestead lots or units, purchase available land or units, provide funding to applicants on DHHL homestead waiting lists, and provide other services as needed to address the waiting list.

Under the separation of powers doctrine, the Legislature has the authority to appropriate general funds, while the Governor has the authority to determine the manner in which the funds are spent. See, e.g., *Univ. of Conn. Chapter AAUP v. Governor*, 512 A.2d 152, 156 (Conn. 1986) ("An appropriation is a statute passed by the legislature to authorize expenditures, while an allotment is the action by which the executive branch sets aside funds sufficient to cover a portion of the expenditure authorized by the appropriations act."). Exempting the initial general fund appropriation in this bill from the executive budget and allotment process appears to violate the

separation of powers doctrine. However, it would be appropriate to exempt DHHL's expenditures from the NHRF from the executive budget and allotment process because the NHRF is a trust fund established by the HHCA.

To address this concern, we recommend amending section 4 of the bill on page 4, lines 12-19, to read as follows:

SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$600,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 to be deposited into the native Hawaiian rehabilitation fund[; ~~provided that the appropriation included in this Act shall not bind the department of Hawaiian home lands to conform to the executive budget execution policies and allotment process for the expenditure of funds~~].

If the Committee intends to exempt DHHL's expenditure of the funds from the NHRF from the executive budget and allocation process, we recommend amending section 5 of the bill on page 4, line 20, to page 5, line 3, to read as follows:

SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the native Hawaiian rehabilitation fund the sum of \$600,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the department of Hawaiian home lands to fulfill its fiduciary duties to beneficiaries[.]; provided that the appropriation included in this Act shall not bind the department of Hawaiian home lands to conform to the executive budget execution policies and allotment process for the expenditure of funds.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

The Office of
Susan "Sue" Keohokapu-Lee Loy
Council Member
Hawaii County Council District 3



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SUSAN 'SUE' LOKELANI KEOHOKAPU - LEE LOY

25 Aupuni Street, Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

March 14, 2022

The Honorable Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
The Honorable Senator Maile Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair
Members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Support for HB 2511, HD2 relating to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Aloha Chair Keohokalole, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro Yamashita and members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

As the Hawaii County Council Representative to the homestead communities of Keaukaha and Panaewa, thank you for the opportunity to support HB 2511, HD2 to assist in the establishment of the Hawaiian Home Lands special fund.


HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920.

To realize the promise and potential these funds hold, the provision of oversight is crucial. While I stand in strong support of HB2511, HD2, I encourage that in addition to an annual report, that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands engage and complete within six-months of this appropriation a list of housing options elevated from the beneficiaries themselves.

Collaborating with beneficiaries and allowing them to self-resolve and provide opportunities to make Prince Kuhio Kalaniana'ole promise and vision actionable will be a noble deed in facilitating the rehabilitation of native Hawaiians.

Thank you and as always, should you have any comments, questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office.

Aloha Piha,



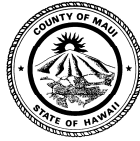
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TO: Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Tasha Kama
Councilmember

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DATE: March 14, 2022

SUBJECT: **Hearing of March 15, 2022; Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 2511 HD 2,
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to appropriate \$600 Million in funding for the Department of Hawaiian Homelands.

I am submitting this testimony as a Maui County Councilmember but not on behalf of the Maui County Council since the Council has not had the opportunity to discuss and take a position on this bill.

I strongly support this measure because this funding will help address the historic shortfalls in the funding provided by the State to the Department to fulfill the promise to the United States and Native Hawaiians made with Statehood. Providing this funding to the Department of Hawaiian Homelands will benefit native Hawaiians to the extent that it results in additional homesteads which would address the long list of beneficiaries waiting for their home in their native land. It is shameful for Hawaiians to die on the waitlist while waiting for the State of Hawaii to deliver on its 63-year old promise. If Maui County voters approve, the County will be designating a position within the County's new Department of Housing to work closely with the Department to deliver the needed housing for beneficiaries in Maui County.

Further, to the extent that additional funding will assist with the provision of Hawaiian Home Lands homesteads to the many wait-listers in Maui County, this matter is of concern to the County of Maui as any new homesteads help to address the crisis of affordable housing in our communities.

For the foregoing reasons, I **strongly support** this measure.

CC: Chair Alice Lee

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Submitted on: 3/12/2022 7:54:00 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

This bill calls for \$600 Million for houses for the 28,000 families on the DHHL waitlist.

Also another bill already approved in committee calls for \$638 Million in arrears plus \$79 Million per year in future for OHA from ceded land revenues, exclusively for "betterment of Native Hawaiians" who comprise 20% of Hawaii's people; with no set-aside of 4 times those amounts exclusively for the other 80% of Hawaii's people who lack a drop of Hawaiian blood. What about money for my own favorite government agency DHHL: Department of Haole Homelands? Then there's SB3357 that would appropriate megabucks to various departments for exclusive benefit of ethnic Hawaiians. And don't forget another bill SB879, which has already passed its committee, that will force each county government to pay the construction costs and maintenance of water, roads, and other infrastructure on the DHHL lands it hosts.

\$600 Million + \$638 Million = \$1.238 BILLION just this year alone! And more in various other bills now passing their committees with zero "Nay" votes. Exclusively for "Native Hawaiians" even while they also continue to benefit from all the remaining government programs that benefit all our people. As the late Senator Everett Dirksen of Illinois might say: A Billion here, a Billion there -- pretty soon you'll be talking about real money!

Hmm ... Checking the arithmetic. \$600 Million to help 28,700 waitlisters. That's \$20,906 per house. In our Hawaii real estate market that might be enough for a 2-hole outhouse like my grandparents had in rural Michigan. But will the money simply be handed over to the waitlisters? Of course not. It must be filtered through a huge bureaucracy and given to construction contractors to build roads and water lines on the racially segregated ghettos where houses can only be "owned" in leasehold. How much more money will be demanded every year forever for DHHL?

Here's a better idea. According to OHA's latest annual report, on June 30, 2021 OHA had assets of \$764,820,000. So let OHA pay the \$600 Million, and they'll still have \$165 Million to play with. Then the \$600 Million which the legislature wants to squander on DHHL can be used to provide tax reductions for our hard-pressed taxpayers, or books and toiletpaper for our schools. Why should OHA be expected to pay the \$600 Million to DHHL? Because they can! And because when the original version of this bill was heard on February 2 OHA sent out an email or text message to everyone on its roster a day or two before the hearing, asking for

testimony to support this bill. Clearly OHA favors the bill. Clearly OHA believes it is part of OHA's kuleana to use government money to engage in political lobbying for bills providing benefits exclusively to people of its highly favored race. So let OHA put its money where its mouth is. You legislators have the power to "raid" money from any special fund or any department of the state government, as you have often done with the Hurricane Relief Fund or the money controlled by the Highway Department. It's time for you to exercise that power to rein in OHA and DHHL and save the rest of Hawaii's people from the racial entitlement monsters that threaten to devour the State.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2022 7:09:00 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
rochelle kawelo	Testifying for waianae hawaiian civic club	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Rochelle Kawelo of Waianae, HI and also Pelekikena of Waianae Hawaiian Civic club and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD2, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!



COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

TESTIMONY

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

We, Dr. Adrienne Dillard, Ph.D., LSW, MSW; Executive Director and B. Puni Kekauoha, Associate Director of Kula no na Po'e Hawaii o Papakōlea, Kewalo, Kalāwahine (KULA), **WE STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, DH2**, to appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. This represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD2, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

We submit this on behalf of our team, serving the Papakōlea, Kewalo, Kalāwahine Hawaiian Homesteads and DHHL waitlist.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Adrienne Dillard, Ph.D., LSW, MSW

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KE ONE O KĀKŪHIHEWA

O'ahu Council of the
Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs

Testimony for HB2511 HD2
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
March 15, 2022, 1:01 pm
Conference Room 016 and Videoconference
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania St.

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Benton Kealii Pang and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. My testimony is submitted on behalf of Ke One O Kākūhihewa-O'ahu Council for the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (Council). The Council **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences.

The Council appreciates this legislature for hearing our calls for funding and the commitment to fulfilling the state's obligation to our community. An investment of \$600 million toward the implementation of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA) would be a historic infusion of resources to address the needs of potentially thousands of beneficiaries on DHHL's Waiting List.

As we embark on the next 100 years acknowledging the significance of the 100th anniversary of the signing of the HHCA on July 9, 2021, this bill opens up opportunities for the over 28,000 beneficiaries and their families who continue to wait for the hope of Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's promise to his people.

In closing, please **PASS** HB2511, HD2, to help advance Prince Jonah Kūhiō's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Ke One O Kākūhihewa is a native Hawaiian council made up of 24 civic clubs on the island of O'ahu. Our oldest member, Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu was established by Prince Kūhiō on December 7, 1918.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Sincerely,

Benton Kealiikiamoku Pang, President

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Submitted on: 3/14/2022 3:55:59 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lilia Kapuniaia	Testifying for Papakolea Community Development Corporation	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole, & Members,

I am the Executive Director of the Papakōlea Community Development Corporation, and I am submitting this testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB2511 HD2 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

The Papakolea Community Development Corporation is a 501c3 nonprofit beneficiary serving organization, that has been operating the Papakolea Community Park and Center, since 2003, under a License Agreement No. 559 with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). Our mission is to *mobilize broad-based community participation; to promote self-determination by developing strong and effective community leaders; and to manage current and future community facilities in the Hawaiian homestead region of Papakōlea.* Our flagship program, Kupua‘e, promotes the use of Hawaiian language, and implementation of Hawaiian cultural activities in the Papakolea region, and has helped to sustain the organization, and make improvements to the Park and Center. We have actively participated in the Papakōlea Regional Planning Process in 2009 and 2020, as well as other meetings like the Puwalu, where we identified community priorities and requested financial support from DHHL to make improvements to the Park and Center, and build a Native Hawaiian Education and Culture Center, in excess of \$10 million.

We applaud DHHL for the inclusion of community priorities in HB2511 HD2, helping to maintain and expand much needed services in Papakōlea, and throughout the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust. We also applaud the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs for prioritizing this measure. Mahalo for the opportunity to submit our testimony in **SUPPORT** of HB2511 HD2 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

Me ke aloha,
Lilia Kapuniaia
PCDC Executive Director



SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Chair Sen. Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Sen. Jarrett Keohokalole

Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 1:01 p.m., CR 016 and videoconference
HB 2511 HD 2 – Relating to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

TESTIMONY

Piilani Kaopuiki, Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii strongly supports HB 2511 marking \$600 million to help clear the backlog of Native Hawaiians waiting to get into livable homes. This legislation will prove historic when the backlog is reduced significantly as homes become occupied within a reasonable time.

The bill should prioritize the solutions needed on the multi-faceted challenges: earmarking land, cost of infrastructure, mortgage financing. Top priority should be given to acquiring desirable land on Oahu. Residents of Oahu should not be penalized because they live on an overpopulated island.

The state's Rainy Day Fund should not bear the brunt of funding the commitment. The Rainy Day Fund is an important safety net the state needs to maintain security for all its residents.

The League agrees in requiring the department to submit annual reports to the legislature. The bill should establish the special fund as a trust to continually support overcoming the multi-faceted challenges to fulfill mission of the Department. Having the money held in trust safeguards the money for the purposes of the trust. An independent trustee answerable only to the Administrator, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands/Chairman, Hawaiian Homes Commission, should be appointed to administer the trust. The capable trustee must be free of entanglements subject to conflict-of-interest concerns. The trustee should be able to report funds management directly to the legislature in some fashion.

Additionally, the current requirement of 50 percent blood quantum is a silent threat hanging over all applicants. As applicants die off the list, their families will have lost the opportunity envisioned and provided for by Prince Kuhio. Successor rights are allowed to 25 percent blood quantum of certain relatives, but the land must be in the hands of a beneficiary first. Persons with 50 percent quantum are being lost all too quickly.

Accomplishment of the legislator's intent will be historic in view of the decades and generations of neglect given to the Admissions Act and its compact with the Hawaiian people. The measure should also help mitigate the extreme shortage of affordable housing in Hawaii.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.



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Date: March 14, 2022
To: Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair, Senator Jarrett Keohokalole,
Vice-Chair, and members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
From: Brent Kakesako, Hawai'i Alliance for Community-Based Economic
Development (HACBED)
Re: Support for HB 2511 HD 2

Aloha e Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Keohokalole, and Committee Members,

The Hawai'i Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development (HACBED) supports HB 2511 HD 2, which establishes the Hawaiian Home Lands special fund and appropriates funds into it for beneficiaries to acquire a residence and to enable the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) to fulfill its fiduciary duties to beneficiaries.

HACBED was established in 1992 as a nonprofit statewide intermediary to address social, economic, and environmental justice concerns through community-based economic development and asset building strategies. It advances its mission with core competencies in the areas of community and organizational capacity building, community and economic development planning, and asset policy development and advocacy. HACBED is humbled to work in collaboration with both homestead communities as well as DHHL on a range of work including, strategic plans, organizational assessments, and business plans for a range of homestead associations and their projects as well as broader community planning with DHHL and the communities it serves. From these different aspects of work over the years, HACBED team members have heard a range of beneficiary voices that support the DHHL receiving increased funding to carry out its trust purposes, including housing its beneficiaries. As such, HACBED supports HB 2511 HD 2 to establish a special fund and appropriate \$600,000,000 to support DHHL in fulfilling its charge under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920.

HB 2511 HD 2 would appropriate much needed and long overdue funding to DHHL to enable native Hawaiian people to acquire residences. We are excited about the potential HB 2511 HD 2 has to advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify,

Brent N. Kakesako
Executive Director
Hawai'i Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development

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HB2511, HD1
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS
House Committee on Finance

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Yamashita and members of the Committee,

My name is Phillip Stephens, I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Molokai and I represent Kalama'ula Mauka Homestead Association. Kalamaula Mauka Homestead Associations (KMHA) is a Hawaiian Homestead Beneficiary Association (HBA) as identified under 201.6 of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920 and federally defined Homestead Associations under 43 Code of Federal Regulations. KMHA is located in the Kona district of Molokai, the second largest landowner on the island. Our mission is to serve, protect, and preserve the interest of the Native Hawaiian beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD1, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD1, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD1, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their Kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD1, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.
Phillip "UncoMango" Stephens

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HB2511, HD2

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

March 15, 2022

1:01 PM

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We are a hui of organizations that provide direct-delivery and support services to the Native Hawaiian community across a variety of areas, including health, education, culture, 'āina, and resource management. We **STRONGLY SUPPORT** HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences and to enable the DHHL to fulfill its fiduciary duties to beneficiaries.

During the first quarter of the 20th century, Prince Joseph Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole, Hawai'i's Congressional Delegate at the time, advocated for the United States to set aside approximately 200,000 acres of land to establish a permanent homeland for native Hawaiians, who were

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identified as a landless and “dying” people as the result of disease, intermarriage, and loss of lands.

“After extensive investigation and survey on the part of various organizations organized to rehabilitate the Hawaiian race, it was found that the only method in which to rehabilitate the race was to place them back upon the soil,” Prince Kūhiō wrote to U.S. Senators.

Finally enacted in 1921, the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA) intended to return native Hawaiians to the land while encouraging them to become self-sufficient farmers, ranchers, and homesteaders on leased parcels of reserve land.

The federal Admission Act in 1959 mandated that the State of Hawai‘i, as a compact with the U.S., administer the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act and the approximately 200,000 acres of “ceded land” set aside for Native Hawaiian homesteading, with oversight by the U.S. Congress.

Since then, the State of Hawai‘i has struggled to fulfill the promise it made in exchange for statehood to house native Hawaiians under the HHCA program. The DHHL waitlist has steadily grown over the past decade, increasing from nearly 26,000 in 2010 to more than 28,700 today.

HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling its fiduciary obligations to beneficiaries of the HHCA trust. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, we urge the Committee to PASS HB2511, HD2. Mahalo nui loa for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Should you have any questions about our testimony, please contact Sterling Wong, Senior Director of Advocacy at the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, at sterling@hawaiiancouncil.org.

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Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

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The Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million for use by qualifying Hawaiian Home Lands beneficiaries to acquire a residence, thus enabling the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) to fulfill the State of Hawai‘i’s fiduciary duty to these beneficiaries.

The State of Hawai‘i holds a fiduciary obligation to Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA) beneficiaries, as part of its compact with the United States in exchange for admission into the Union and subsequently upon adopting the HHCA as a provision of the State’s Constitution. The State later expanded its obligations to include enabling qualifying Native Hawaiians “to return to their lands in order to fully support self-sufficiency” and to support “the self-determination of Native Hawaiians.”¹ Due primarily to inadequate State funding, DHHL has amassed a waitlist of over 28,700 beneficiary-applicants, with countless applicants having passed away while awaiting the State to fulfill its obligation to them.

Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole advocated for the passage of HHCA in 1921 on behalf of the Native Hawaiian people. After a century during which over 84% of the indigenous population was decimated by foreign-introduced diseases, pushing them to near extinction, ‘Ōiwi leaders determined that the only way to rehabilitate Native Hawaiians, who the U.S. government characterized as “landless and dying,”² was to “place them back upon the soil.”³

¹ Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended, §101 (Purpose).

² The findings of Pub. L. 106-569, title V, §512, Dec. 27, 2000.

³ The testimony of Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole as quoted in the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands 2021 Legislative Fact Sheet.



Appropriating \$600 million for the purpose of administering the HHCA through the DHHL would be a significant step in the right direction toward the State fulfilling its numerous obligations to the Native Hawaiian people.

Accordingly, the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement urges the Committee to PASS HB2511, HD2.

Mahalo nui loa for this opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

Respectfully,

J. Kūhiō Lewis, CEO
Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement

About Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement

CNHA is a member-based 501(c)3 non-profit organization with a mission to enhance the cultural, economic, political, and community development of Native Hawaiians. For more information, visit www.hawaiiancouncil.org/.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2511 HD2: RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

TO: Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Rob Van Tassell, President and CEO, Catholic Charities Hawaii

Hearing: Tuesday, 3/15/22; 1:01 am; via videoconference

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Members, Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in Support** of **HB 2511 HD2**, which appropriates funds into the native Hawaiian rehabilitation fund for DHHL to fulfill its fiduciary duties to beneficiaries. I am Rob Van Tassell, with Catholic Charities Hawaii.

Catholic Charities Hawaii (CCH) is a tax exempt, non-profit agency that has been providing social services in Hawaii for over 75 years. CCH has programs serving elders, children, families, homeless, and immigrants. Our mission is to provide services and advocacy for the most vulnerable in Hawaii. Catholic Charities Hawaii has a long history of working in the areas of affordable housing and homelessness.

The time is now! It is time to pass this historic step forward towards the State's commitment to house native Hawaiians. **Catholic Charities Hawaii supports this bill as a Social Justice issue.** Long ago at statehood, the State promised to house native Hawaiians following the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. The native Hawaiian community needs affordable housing. The lack of housing has had an immense negative impact. Native Hawaiians are over represented among the homeless. They have suffered many social, health and economic ills over the years that could have been prevented if stable and affordable housing was available.

The time is now. The State's economic forecasts are promising as Hawaii comes out of the COVID pandemic. Catholic Charities Hawaii **supports \$600 million** to fund much needed housing for native Hawaiians. This offers great hope and promise not only to native Hawaiians who will move into these homes, but generations to come. It will provide stability and enable them, their children and their grandchildren to remain in Hawaii and become strong participants in our community. Their strong values for family, respect for the Land, and cultural pride provide a rich heritage for everyone in our community.

Let's not miss this opportunity to create a Hawaii that we can all be proud of. Please pass HB 2511 HD2.

Please contact our Legislative Liaison, Betty Lou Larson at (808) 373-0356 or alohabettylou@hotmail.com if you have any questions.



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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

MARCH 15, 2022

HOUSE BILL 2511 HD2

Relating to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL)

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Members of the Committee,

Ka Lāhui Hawai'i Kōmike Kalai'āina submits the following written testimony in SUPPORT of House Bill 2511 HD2 which appropriates funds into and out of the native Hawaiian rehabilitation fund for DHHL to fulfill its fiduciary duties to native Hawaiians (Native Hawaiians of 50% blood quantum or more). This measure would help the State to fulfill its obligation to native Hawaiians to return them to the land and provides a real opportunity to reduce the number applicants on the DHHL wait list. Currently, there are over 28,000 applicants on the DHHL list waiting to receive awards - this number has risen exponentially over the decades. For example, in 1983 there were only approximately 8,000 applicants on the DHHL wait list.

The Hawaiian Homes Commission Act was passed by Congress and signed by the US President in 1921. After the lands were transferred to the State to be held in 'Trust' for native Hawaiians in Section 4 of the 1959 Admissions Act, the State was mandated by a Hawai'i State Constitutional amendment in 1978 to provide "sufficient sums" to DHHL for 4 purposes one of which was for the development of homes. Currently, the average price of a home in Hawai'i is a million dollars - a price that the average Hawai'i resident (including Native Hawaiians) cannot afford. According to a 2017 study entitled "Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed: A Study of Financial Hardships in Hawai'i," fifty-seven percent of all Native Hawaiians in Hawai'i are struggling financially and 33% of all houseless are Native Hawaiian.

Leaders at the legislature often talk about addressing the 'housing shortage' in Hawai'i. The average household size of a Hawaiian homestead household is 4. If awards were given to all 28,000 wait listers tomorrow that would make a huge dent in Hawai'i's 'affordable housing crisis'. Eliminating the number of eligible native Hawaiians on the DHHL wait list should be a priority for the State.

Me ka 'oi'ai'o,

M. Healani Sonoda-Pale

Public Affairs Officer, Ka Lāhui Hawai'i Kōmike Kalai'āina

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Our mission is to eliminate homelessness through open and inclusive participation and the coordination of integrated responses.

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2511, HD2: RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

TO: Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Partners In Care (PIC)

Hearing: **Tuesday, 3/15/22; 1:01 PM; via videoconference**

POSITION: SUPPORT

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Keohokalole, and Members, Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in strong support** of HB 2511, HD2: which funds the native Hawaiian rehabilitation fund for DHHL to fulfill its fiduciary duties to beneficiaries. Partners In Care (PIC), is the Oahu Continuum of Care and coalition of more than 60 non-profit homelessness providers, advocates, government and other concerned organizations working together to end homelessness.

Partners In Care's mission is to end homelessness on Oahu. We find that Native Hawaiians are over represented among the homeless. There is a dire need for more affordable housing for this community. Long ago, the State promised to house native Hawaiians. The ongoing lack of housing has very troubling consequences for health, safety, and of course homelessness among this community.

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands requires an immense infusion of funding to enable native Hawaiians to acquire a residence. This funding is needed for costly infrasture as well as construction of homes. Over 28,000 native Hawaiians are on the waiting list for a home. With the State's forecasts of growth in revenues coming out of the pandemic, it is time to address this great need.

PIC urges your support for a \$600 million allocation to this new Rehabilitation Fund to increase the Department of Hawaiian Home Land's capacity to provide housing for the thousands of native Hawaiian beneficiaries who sit on its waitlist. It is time to give them hope for their future, and that of their children and grandchildren.

Mahalo

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Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Iwalani Laybon-McBrayer	Testifying for Kaupea Hawaiian Homestead Association	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha to Our House of Representatives and Senators,

As the President of Kaupea's Homestead Association I represent 326 Homes. This current bill sets in place the future of Pre-development and Housing Development for waitlist Beneficiaries. I agree that appropriate funding is vital to get waitlist beneficiaries off the list, many have died and our Kupuna's like mines are still waiting, my Kupuna is waiting almost 50 years and approaching almost 80 years old.

My mana'o is 20 years or so ago money was appropriated with Act 14 600 million dollars to build the 4 Kapolei Homesteads. Of that 600 million, 200+ million was spent on developing Kapolei Homesteads. A recent article published (reference below) by Star-Advertiser and Propublica on March 4, 2022, reveals that the State, DHHL, didn't inspect the homes? My fear and concerns are if proper policies and accountability are not in place another Homestead Housing Project like this bill will prevail in building homes but fail our Lahui in constructing safe homes.

The comments and proposals below are focused on the concerns to help shape HB 2511 600 million appropriations of funds to Waitlist/Lessee Beneficiaries.

HB2511 proposal is to meet the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act and fulfills the requirement of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act.

HB2511 needs to consider the following which affects the current lessee and the 44k wait listers or beneficiaries. HB2511 should be amended with these considerations before approval.

Section 1: Home Inspection

- Creating a Housing Development Policy.**
- Policy developed by and for the beneficiaries.**
- Beneficiaries will be active partners and stakeholders through the housing development.**

- **CFR43 Rule 47.10**
 - (ref): <https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/43/47.10>
- **The policy should include beneficiary approval of housing projects and of sales of land transactions.**
- **A building policy will create accountability to the beneficiaries and that will exceed the current State and Federal Building Requirement/Standards.**
- **Creating such a policy will reinstate the confidence of the native Hawaiian to remain living in their homeland.**
 - (ref): <https://www.staradvertiser.com/2022/03/03/hawaii-news/promised-land-native-hawaiians-waited-years-for-homes-on-their-ancestral-land-then-the-problems-began/>

Section 2: Development

- **Proposing that 80% of the monies will produce for the beneficiaries a completed turn-key home leaving the 20% to address the "other" Section 2.4 ie: contracting and administration costs.**

Section 3: Annual Report

- **Annual Reports should include and be sent to the beneficiaries, including current lessee and wait listers.**
 - **CFR43 Rule 47.10** <https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/43/47.10>
- **Report to include Department of Hawaiian Homes expenditures and outer Department contracting expenditures.**

I truly believe this is a start on how Beneficiaries can be inclusive and collaborate with our Trust and our Legislators on any and all Homestead issues.

Mahalo,

Iwalani Laybon-McBrayer

President-Kaupe'a Homestead Association

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Hawai'i

Committee: Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Hearing Date/Time: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 1:01pm
Place: Via Videoconference
Re: Testimony of the ACLU of Hawai'i in support of HB2511 HD2
Relating to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Dear Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Committee Members:

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i ("ACLU of Hawai'i") supports HB 2511 HD2 that appropriates funds into and out of the native Hawaiian rehabilitation fund for DHHL to fulfill its fiduciary duties to beneficiaries.

The ACLU of Hawai'i is committed to protecting the civil liberties and civil rights enshrined in our federal and state Constitutions, and advancing our campaign policies to Decriminalize Houselessness, Reimagine Policing and Smart Justice.

As part of our efforts to build a new vision of safety and justice, we advocate for the State to shift spending priorities away from mass criminalization and incarceration that disparately impacts Native Hawaiians, towards investments in education, housing, health care, human services and restorative justice in our communities.

Over the years, the Legislature has created multiple task forces and supported initiatives for the purpose of examining and improving the state's criminal legal system and reducing the carceral population. These include:

- Justice Reinvestment Initiative (2011)
- Native Hawaiian Justice Task Force (2012)
- H.C.R. 85 Task Force (2018)
- Criminal Pretrial Task Force (2018)
- The Hawaii Correctional Oversight Commission (2020)
- Criminal Justice Research Institute

Additionally, numerous reports and literature have highlighted the racial bias and disparities that exists within Hawai'i's criminal legal system – and disparately targets Native Hawaiians.

- *Crime and Justice Related to Hawaiians and Part-Hawaiians in the State of Hawai'i*, Dr. Gene Kassebaum, A Report Prepared for Alu Like, Inc., Study

supported by a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Human Development, Administration for Native Americans (April 1981)

- *Racial Tensions and Public Concern about Crime Control in Hawaii*, Dr. Gene Kassebaum, Department of Sociology, University of Hawaii at Manoa (1981)
- *The Colonial Carceral and Prison Politics in Hawai'i*, Dr. RaeDeen Keahiolalo Dissertation (2008)
- *The Disparate Treatment of Native Hawaiians in the Criminal Justice System*, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Justice Policy Institute, Georgetown Law, University of Hawaii at Manoa and Georgetown Law, 2010.
- *Understanding Women's Pathways into Crime and What Works to Improve Outcomes Among Women in the Criminal Justice System*, Criminal Justice Research Institute, Dr. Erin Harbinson and Aerielle Reynolds, MS. (2021-2022). **In 2019, Native Hawaiian women were 19% of the female general population in Hawai'i. However, they comprise 44% of the female incarcerated population in Hawai'i.**

While these Commissions and initiatives have issued a plethora of recommendations to reduce the jail and prison population, and eliminate racial disparities within our criminal legal system, these recommendations have been ignored, underfunded and rarely implemented.

Simultaneously, the State has spent millions of dollars incarcerating Native Hawaiians instead of investing those funds into data-driven strategies, including stable housing, that would reduce the number of Native Hawaiians in the criminal legal system.

Due to limited data collection within our criminal legal system, it is unknown just how many Native Hawaiians under community supervision or incarcerated are on the waitlist for Hawaiian Home Lands or eligible for Hawaiian Home Lands. However, given the stark racial disparities within Hawaii's criminal legal system, the State should track this data. Determining the number of Native Hawaiians involved in the criminal legal system who are current beneficiaries on the waitlist, or are eligible for Hawaiian Home Lands, is an important data point to inform public policies, including appropriations for diversion, rehabilitation and re-entry programs.

Numerous studies confirm that housing can determine education, health and economic opportunities, and exposure to crime. Research also shows that people returning from jails and prisons face many barriers to successful re-entry. Often, the most serious challenge is securing stable housing. In turn, housing has long been recognized as a prerequisite for stable employment, access to social services and other aspects of individual and family functioning.

Nationally, statistics show that formerly incarcerated people are almost 10 times more likely to be homeless than general public.¹

Closer to home, the 2020 O'ahu Point in Time Count noted that over half of all houseless individuals identified as Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander.² The Touchpoints Report also estimated that 25-50% of the homeless in Hawai'i have a history of incarcerated and that an estimated 30% of people released from our jails and prisons are exiting to houselessness.³

This measure is a significant step towards fulfilling the State's fiduciary duties to beneficiaries, including Native Hawaiians disparately impacted by Hawai'i's criminal legal system.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of HB2511, HD2.

Sincerely,

Carrie Ann Shirota

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ACLU of Hawai'i
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The mission of the ACLU of Hawai'i is to protect the fundamental freedoms enshrined in the U.S. and State Constitutions. The ACLU of Hawai'i fulfills this through legislative, litigation, and public education programs statewide. The ACLU of Hawai'i is a non-partisan and private non-profit organization that provides its services at no cost to the public and does not accept government funds. The ACLU of Hawai'i has been serving Hawai'i for over 50 years.

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¹ <https://www.prisonpolicy.org/reports/housing.html>

² <https://www.civilbeat.org/2021/01/its-time-to-acknowledge-native-hawaiians-special-right-to-housing/>

³ <https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Touchpoints-of-Homelessness-Report-Final.pdf>

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2022 3:00:39 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ellen Godbey Carson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support this bill. It's a matter of justice, equity, and doing what's right by the Hawaiian people. Too many Native Hawaiians have died on the waiting list for properties they were promised, that. have never materialized. Let's do what's pono, and get people off the waiting list and into the homes and lands they deserve.

Thank you for your consideration of this measure.

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2022 9:42:27 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Melissa Kalani	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Melissa Kalani, I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511/SB3359 which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511/SB3359 represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511/SB3359 holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511/SB3359 to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2022 6:17:14 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
solomon espinas	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My comments are, who will monitor the spending, the recievers, issuer. my other concern is the BLOOD QUANTUM ISSUE, the 50% or 100% HAWAIIAN blooded people waiting to get the beneficiaries into a part of the HAWAIIAN HOMESTEAD. Their offspring have less than 50% Hawaiian blood. The BLOOD QUANTUM should be looked into.

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2022 3:07:21 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tadia Rice	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Tadia Rice, and I am a Kama‘āina resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD2, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2022 3:21:26 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christina Marumoto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Christina Marumoto, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD2, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2022 3:26:25 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chelsie Sablan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Chelsie Sablan, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

My grandparents, as well as many others have died on the waiting list and that should not be the case. Please PASS HB2511, HD2, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2022 3:26:32 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Theresa Tehiva	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Theresa K. Tehiva, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD2, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2022 3:28:57 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Trisha Kehaulani Watson, JD, PhD	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in strong support of this measure.

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2022 3:33:55 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
ANITA MAE K NAONE	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

March 13, 2022

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Anita Mae K. Naone, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident in Kailua, Oahu.. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA.HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD2, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Anita Mae K. Naone

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2022 3:37:14 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Amber Kobashigawa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Amber Kobashigawa, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2022 3:38:05 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Awapuhimele Napoleon-O'Brien	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Awapuhimele Napoleon-O'Brien, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD2, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2022 3:41:35 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cory Allen Kala Zen Holiday	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Cory Allen Kalā Zen Holiday, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2022 4:18:46 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
claudia c k quintanilla	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Claudia Claire Kapiolani Quintanilla, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.
Claudia CK Quintanilla

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2022 4:53:12 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Norman Akau Jr	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Norman Akau Jr , strongly support HB2511 which will help my native Hawaiians achieve their goals. Mahalo , Norman Akau Jr

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2022 4:57:00 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Julia Estigoy-Kahoonei	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Julia Estigoy-Kaho'onei and I speak on behalf of myself (non-Native Hawaiian) and my husband Gary Kaho'onei who is a proud Native Hawaiian, born and raised in Nanakuli. We **STRONGLY SUPPORT** HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please **PASS** HB2511, HD2, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2022 5:10:32 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Angela Kazouris	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Angela Tomiye Uluwehiokalanikamakolu Kazouris, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD2, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2022 5:31:13 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rhonda Stewart	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Keohokalole, and members of the Committee,

My name is Rhonda Stewart, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD2, to help advance the vision of Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise! Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Me ka 'oi a i'o,

Rhonda Stewart

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2022 5:35:33 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Aileen K . F. Yeh	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I a in support of HB2511

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2022 5:40:29 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Evelyn Hascall	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Evelyn Hascall and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

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Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2022 6:22:04 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
tiare lawrence	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha

i strongly support HB 2511. My mother Haunani Teruya died on the list 2 years ago. My mother had dreams of owning a plumeria farm and selling her leis on the shores of Lele in Lahaina town. Through my work as a community organizer I have spent much of time in the halls of the state capitol and county council advocating for true affordable housing. When we talk about affordable housing for "local" it doesn't get better than DHHL. At least we DHHL these homes will guarantee go to people with a lineal connection to this aina. For people like myself who are from here we have nowhere else to go. Hawaii is our home. This is it. This is all that I have. This is my home my one hānau. I encourage you to pass this bill today for the benefit of future kanaka children.

mahalo

Tiare lawrence

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2022 6:54:53 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jalene Hitzeman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Jalene Hitzeman, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I have less than the required blood quantum to be a direct beneficiary, however, I **STRONGLY SUPPORT** HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences and thus leverage allocated lands to free up housing inventory for other locals and the next generation, curenly priced out of the market, or in need of rentals.

Mahalo for this oppportunity to testify on this measure.

Jalene Hitzeman

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2022 7:00:02 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Wayne Tanaka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Wayne Tanaka, and I am a non-Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD2, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2022 7:06:52 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nina Agbayani	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Nina Nālani Akiona Agbayani, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. My father Norman P. Akiona has been on the waiting list since 1975 for the Island of Maui. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD2, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2022 8:05:31 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Johanna Stone	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha mai kākou e nā hoa ʻē,

This is long over due, due to the violent occupation of our lands by America, oppressing our own autonomy in our own lands. This is the bare MINIMUM steps to take, in response to the egregious and violent occupation we have been under for over a hundred years, and whose violent occupation CONTINUES TODAY. I am sure you are aware of this.

My name is Johanna K Stone, and we have been cultivating these lands since ANTIQUITY. As I know some of you and your ‘ohana have been as well.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, I am demanding PASSAGE OF HB2511, HD2, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. This is again BARE MINIMUM in upholding your responsibilities to our people, and for some of you, your OWN people.

me ke aloha nui

johanna k stone

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2022 8:05:35 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Maili Kalama	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Maili Kalama and I am a native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i and also have been on DHHL waitlist for 9 years. I strongly support bill HB2511, HD2, which would be funding DHHL of \$600 million to desperately support and enable native Hawaiians to acquire STABLE residency in our home lands that are currently, highly scarce due to cost of living expenses. This bill would give native Hawaiians the opportunity of home ownership that may never arise throughout our life and also give the state of Hawaii the opportunity to fulfill their promise of housing Hawaiians in our homelands. This bill could drastically change our future, the keiki's of Hawai'i to stay rooted and grounded to our homeland compared to being forced out of our homeland due to the excessive expenses and cost of living that is unaffordable. Lastly, please PASS HB2511, HD2 to ultimately assist native Hawaiians in residing on our homelands as a lahui. Mahalo!

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2022 8:30:24 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lawrence Sanoria	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Lawrence Sanoria, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD2, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/13/2022 11:05:53 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joslyn Gibbs	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Joslyn Gibbs, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD2, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 6:02:52 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
MOMI HAI	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Momi Hai, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD2, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 7:32:49 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kevin Kekoa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Kevin Kekoa, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD2, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 7:35:00 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marion Ano	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Marion Ano, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD2, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo nui,

Marion Ano

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 7:46:25 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Moana Heu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Moana Heu, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD2, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

It is your kuleana as legislators to do what is right for the people, especially the native people of Hawai'i. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure. Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Moana Heu, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD2, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

It is your kuleana as legislators to do what is right for the people, especially the native people of Hawai'i. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 7:48:18 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Johnathan Opunui Kauwenaole	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Johnathan Kauwenaole, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD2, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 7:55:21 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Faith Kalamau	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Faith Kalamau, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD2, which represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state appropriation in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD2, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 8:18:10 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jacquelyn Cuban	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Jacquelyn R.H. Cuban, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD2, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Respectfully,

Jacquelyn R.H. Cuban

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 8:20:43 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nanea Lo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hello,

My name is Nanea Lo. I'm Kanaka Maoli born and raised on the island of O'ahu. I believe my DHHL should always be audited. I support HB2511 HD2.

me ke aloha 'āina,

Nanea Lo

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 8:54:01 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kimo Apaka	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Kimo, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD2, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 8:59:42 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ty Enos-Branigan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Ty Enos-Branigan, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD2, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 9:07:44 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Hannah "Hanakia" Tui	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is **Hannah Hanakia Tui**, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD2, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mrs. Hannah Hanakia Tui (Papakolea Resident)

2302 Kaululaau Street

Honolulu, HI 96813

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 10:08:00 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rebecca Ka'anehe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Rebecca Ka'anehe, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD2, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair

HEARING DATE: Tuesday, March 15, 2022
TIME: 1:01 p.m.
PLACE: Via Video Conference
Conference Room 016

RE: TESTIMONY **IN SUPPORT** OF HB2511 HD2

Aloha Honorable Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee,

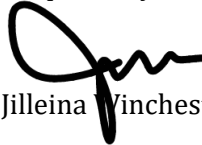
My name is Jilleina Winchester, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I **STRONGLY SUPPORT** HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences.

HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please **PASS** HB2511, HD2, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Respectfully,



Jilleina Winchester

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 10:20:19 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Laura Ellen Maile Pokipala	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Laura Ellen Maile Pokipala, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. I have been on the DHHL list for a home since 1984, and I know there are many who have been on the list so much longer. HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD2, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 10:44:08 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rayvan Vares	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Kaleopa‘a Vares, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

My mother recently got off the list after 34 years in December of 2020. At age 65, shes loving her new home in East Kapolei. We are so grateful for this new home and it will benefit our future keiki for years to come. Its been a huge blessing to just know before we go to sleep each night, that our keiki have a chance at staying in Hawai‘i and are not being forced to move to the continent as I have for some years. We want Hawai‘i to stay Hawai‘i, we want Hawaiians who have moved home to be able to return, and we want to care for the lands that is rightfully ours.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD2, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 11:27:15 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Steven KK Serrao	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Steven K.K. Serrao, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD2, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 12:17:08 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Pearl Patterson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Pearl Patterson, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I've been on the Maui list since 1994, and am still waiting. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi. My mother has passed away waiting for her turn. Please don't let that happen to me, too. Especially in this time of need, hardship has fallen even more so on locals of Hawaii. I don't want to move away from my island home to the mainland, due to high rent prices that have soared even higher now. I still don't own a home here in my Hawaii, and being 58% Hawaiian, that is very sad.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD2, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Sincerely,
Pearl M. Patterson

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 12:27:51 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
WANDA K ANAE- ONISHI	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am Wanda Anae-Onishi, a Native Hawaiian resident of Oahu. I strongly support HB2511 HD2. While I am ineligible for homestead land, I recognize the urgency of making more homes available for my indigenous brothers and sisters who have waited too long for a place to call home. The funding from this bill could be used to build homes for eligible Native Hawaiians residing on Oahu where the need for homes and the beneficiary population are high. I urge you to vote in support HB2511 HD2. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 12:36:39 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kalena Blakemore	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Kalena Blakemore, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai‘i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD2, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let’s Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Kalena K. Blakemore

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 12:51:45 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
C Kauai Jochanan Amsterdam	Testifying for Personal Testimony	Support	In Person

Comments:

Aloha Chairman and Members of the Committee and Friends:

Having previously submitted testimony supporting HB 2511 HD2 in the House, I likewise support HB 2511 HD2 in the Senate. It is important and in accordance with mandated law to do so.

Thank You for doing what's right, meeting responsibility, and fulfilling mandated Law in doing so.

Mahalo and Aloha,

C Kauai Jochanan Amsterdam

The Mama Loa Foundation, Kanaka Maoli Jew

LATE

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 1:26:10 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leimomi Khan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I continue to strongly support HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences.

As noted in the Bill, as required by the Admissions Act and as a compact with the United States, the State of Hawaii and the people of Hawaii adopted the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act as a provision of the Hawaii State Constitution and agreed to faithfully carry out the spirit of the HHCA for the rehabilitation of the Hawaiian race. These trust responsibilities remain to this day.

It is both a matter of fulfilling its responsibilities and justice that the State of Hawaii assist the Dept of Hawaiian Home Lands to have the funding necessary to correct their insufficient funding that has made it very challenging to provide the necessary building and construction infrastructure to make homes available to Native Hawaiians to acquire residences.

With skyrocketing costs and inflation, this and future generations are finding it extremely impossible to purchase homes in their homeland. They are displaced. Funding of DHHL will help to correct this problem.

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HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 4:52:37 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

Hawaiian Affairs Committee

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

1:01 PM

Aloha kakou,

I RISE IN STRONG SUPPORT of HB 2511 HD2 - RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS. Appropriates funds into and out of the native Hawaiian rehabilitation fund for DHHL to fulfill its fiduciary duties to beneficiaries. Requires DHHL to submit an annual report to the legislature.

This \$600 million funding will reduce the 28,700+ native Hawaiians on the Hawaiian Home Lands Waiting List and allow them to finally acquire their home in Hawaii; whether it be on a HHL lot or a non-HHL lot. This historic step - the first time, in any one year, in the 100 years of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act's (HHCA) existence - will help to fulfill the legislature's Constitutional obligation to sufficiently fund and support DHHL in its administration of the HHCA, to include an immediate effective date.

This significant act will provide the generational change that Hawaiians have been waiting for. Too many have long-suffered and died waiting for their opportunity to receive Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole vision of rehabilitating and returning Hawaiians to the land - let's fulfill his vision! *E holomua 'oukou a e lanakila kākou* (you move forward and we all win!)

As a lessee of a Wai'anae Valley Homestead lot, I'm thanking you in advance for immediately helping all the HHCA beneficiaries on the HHL WL, to include many of my ohana, by PASSING HB2511, HD2.

Me ka ha‘aha‘a,

Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai

Wai‘anae Valley Homestead Lessee

Concerned Wai‘anae Resident

‘A‘ohe hana nui ke alu ‘ia.

No task is too big when done together by all.

LATE

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 5:14:19 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Noelani Ahia	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support this bill!

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HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 6:00:40 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tammy Harp	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Senator Shimabukuro, Chair; Senator Keohokalole, Vice Chair; Senator Laura Acasio; Senator Les Ihara, Jr.; Senator Kurt Fevella; Committee Members on Hawaiian Affairs,

I am in support of HB2511. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Tammy Harp

LATE

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/14/2022 6:11:29 PM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tommie Sukanuma	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of HB 2511. With monies provided in this bill DHHL will be able to provide infra structure to the different homestead lots throughout the islands. DHHL will be able to stop using the excuse of not having monies to provide infrastructure in order to start building residential homes. Also, perhaps DHHL can hire a person to start cleaning out the list. By this I mean instead of waiting to see if a beneficiary qualifies for a houselot at the time homes are being built, the employee can clean it prior to the selection of a home. Many times after beneficiaries are invited to a lot selection they are then given forms to fillout to see if they qualify and many do not. If this process is done sooner maybe the list can be cleaned and slimmed down prior to any house selection process.

Mahalo

LATE

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2022 6:25:21 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Corinna Kunipo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

Per Department of Hawaiian Homelands Application Waiting List of June 30,2021 there are a total of 46,255 applicants waiting on this list. So many of these Hawaiians have been on this waiting list for over 30 plus years and many of these Hawaiians have died waiting to get a home or lot on Hawaiian Homelands. Prince Kuhio established Hawaiian Homelands along with the U.S. Congress and the kuleana of doing the right thing is now in your hands. Which side of history will you be on - the one that fights for the rights of Hawaiians or the one that looks the other way and denies Hawaiians the right to live and flourish on their lands. I ask of each and everyone of you to do the right thing and approve this bill.

I thank you for your time and support in advance!

Mahalo,

Corinna Leialoha Kunipo (proud Hawaiian raised on Hawaiian Homelands and applicant #5542 on waiting list.)

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HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2022 7:36:59 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Hokulani Johnasen	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Hokulani Johnasen and my 'ohana resides in the Hawaiian Homestead of Keaukaha, Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made to house native Hawaiians when it assumed responsibility for the administration of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA) as a condition of statehood. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in the entire 100-year history of the HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for thousands of native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

Please PASS HB2511, HD2, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2022 9:59:26 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Regina Peterson	Individual	Comments	In Person

Comments:

I am here today testifying to your committee who only exists and has authority because of: "the violation of the sovereignty of the Hawaiian people, and violations of international law. If there had been no violations of sovereignty of the Hawaiian people and no violations of international law: there would be no HHCA, there would be no Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, there would be no state of hawaii.

I assure this committee, the Hawaiian race does not need rehabilitation. WE KNOW WHO WE ARE. The only truthful thing about this bill is that it is " A BILL...FOR AN ACT." This government continues to ACT as though it is legitimate, and has authority, when under international law, however it does not,

The opening language of this bill, section 1 paragraph 2, where you have "agreed" to "faithfully carry out the spirit of the HHCA for the rehabilitation of the Hawaiian race" is as offensive as it is racist.

the only thing that has been "faithfully carried out" IS: the violation of the sovereignty of the Hawaiian people and the continued violations of international law. The only spirit this government has exhibited is one of greed, and one of fundamental racism.

It is this government body as a whole that is in need of rehabilitation, NOT Hawaiians.

Hawaiians have been denied the rights of their sovereign constitution, while this fake government imposes it own.

to comment on the substance of a bill that is inadequate, cleverly written, slanted and violates the very spirit of the HHCA would be to acknowledge an authority this governing body does not have under international law.

If you want to refute this account of history, do so in a court of international law.

I ask you and your senate and house "colleagues" to write legislation that require the United states to: submit the facts to a binding judgement under international law by the "world court," the international court of justice, in the hague.

Do this, and let the truth be known...and do right by the people of this place!!!

What the Russian government is achieving today with guns, the United States has cleverly and dishonestly achieved with a stroke of a pen, In 1898 and again in 1959.

This so called governing body, just like the russians today, are violating the peoples sovereign rights. This so called governing body, just like the russians today, are violating international law.

and yes, there is a moral equivalence.

there is violence in the poverty rates of hawaiians, there is violence in the health conditions of hawaiians, there is violence in the addiction rates of hawaiians, there is violence in the incarceration rates of hawaiians, there is violence in the removal of hawaiian inmates to the continent, there is violence in the homeless rates of hawaiians, there is violence in the diminished life expectancy of hawaiians.

there is violence in the continuing daily trauma of hawaiians that this so called governing body chooses to perpetuate by continuing these violations of the sovereign rights of hawaiians and the continued violations of international law.

the violence is a consequence of:

the marginalization this governing body has placed upon a sovereign people in OUR OWN COUNTRY.

This governing body is the ones in need of rehabilitation, NOT the Hawaiian race.

We continue to show this governing body aloha, this governing body has continued to give us legislated acrimony.

those are the facts!

It is time for this governing body to do right by the people of this place. Help us to make it right!!! As our ancestors say: kōkua aku kōkua mai, pēlā iho lā ka nohona 'ohana. Help and be helped, such is family life.

Mahalo nui

LATE

HB-2511-HD-2

Submitted on: 3/15/2022 10:47:45 AM

Testimony for HWN on 3/15/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jessica Fu	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha e Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Jessica A.K. Fu, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Kaua'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511, HD2, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. HB2511, HD2, represents a historic step towards the State of Hawai'i fulfilling the promise it made when it became a state that it would house native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920. If enacted, this would be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. HB2511, HD2, holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long by offering the chance for homeownership in their kulāiwi. I know this to be true as my father and grandfather were among them. Our kulāiwi is Hanalei Kaua'i, some of the most expensive and prime real estate in Hawai'i. It is nearly impossible to live in the place our ancestors did for so many generations. This bill would increase the probability that our 'ohana could at least remain on Kaua'i for generations to come.

In closing, please PASS HB2511, HD2, to help advance Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Let's Fulfill the Promise!

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

Jessica Anne Kauionalani Fu