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TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 3359

February 3, 2022
1:01 p.m.
Via Videoconference

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

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

Senate Bill (S.B.) No. 3359: 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 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 S.B. No. 3359, 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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SB3359

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

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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** SB3359, 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 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.

SB3359 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. SB3359

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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 SB3359. 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.



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 FEBRUARY 3, 2022 AT 1:01PM VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

SB 3359 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

February 3, 2022

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and members of the Committee:

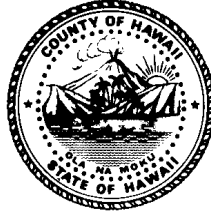
The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) strongly supports this bill establishing the Hawaiian home lands special fund and appropriating funds into and out of the special fund for DHHL to enable beneficiaries of the Hawaiian home lands trust to acquire a residence and to enable the department to fulfill its fiduciary duties to beneficiaries.

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 Hawaiian Homes Commission Act 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 Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920 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, the Department 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 the Department 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 the Department 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.

Dr. Holeka Goro Inaba
Council Member, District 8, N. Kona



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February 2, 2022

Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokālole, Vice Chair

Re: Testimony in **Support** of SB3359, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS
Videoconference Hearing: February 3, 2022 at 1:01 p.m.

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the above referenced Committee,

On behalf of myself and constituents of Council District 8 in North Kona, I would like to express our **support** for the above referenced bill, and submit a brief testimony as follows:

We support establishing the Hawaiian Home Lands Special Fund and the appropriation of funds to enable beneficiaries to acquire a residence – thereby fulfilling the fiduciary duties of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

We strongly **support** the passing of SB3359.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Holeka Goro Inaba".

DR. HOLEKA GORO INABA, Council Member
District 8, North Kona

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Date: February 1, 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 SB 3359

Aloha e Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Keohokalole, and Committee Members,

The Hawai'i Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development (HACBED) supports SB 3359, which establishes the Hawaiian Home Lands special fund and appropriates \$600,000,000 into it for beneficiaries to acquire a residence.

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 the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (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 SB 3359 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.

SB 3359 would appropriate much needed and long overdue funding to DHHL to enable native Hawaiian people to acquire residences. We are excited about the potential SB 3359 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



SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
Chair Sen Maile Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Sen Jarrett Keohokalole
Thursday, February 3, 2022, 1:01 pm, via videoconference

SB 3359 - Relating to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

TESTIMONY

Piilani Kaopuiki, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii supports SB 3359 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 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.

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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The Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA), a member-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to enhance the cultural, economic, political, and community development of Native Hawaiians, **STRONGLY SUPPORTS** SB3359, 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 SB3359.

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

Respectfully,

J. Kūhiō Lewis, CEO
Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 3359: 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: **Thursday, 2/3/22; 1:01 pm; via videoconference**

Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Members, Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in support of SB 3359**, 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. 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 Hawaiian neighbors. **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 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 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 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 SB 3359. Please contact our Legislative Liaison, Betty Lou Larson at (808) 373-0356 or bettylou.larson@catholiccharitieshawaii.org if you have any questions.



LATE

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Submitted on: 2/2/2022 5:16:19 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Raynae Fonoimoana	Testifying for Ko'olauloa Hawaiian Civic Club	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Raynae Fonoimoana, I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i and the President of the Ko'olauloa Hawaiian Civic Club. We **STRONGLY SUPPORT** 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. 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. 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** SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to share our testimony.

Raynae Fonoimoana , President

& the Ko'olauloa Hawaiian Civic Club Membership



LATE

Building strength and stability through shelter

Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
Thursday, February 3, 2022
Video Conference, 1:01 p.m.

SB3359– STRONG SUPPORT

Aloha Committee Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole, 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 SB3359** 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. 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

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Submitted on: 2/1/2022 10:13:10 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Joylynn Paman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Joylynn Paman, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i and a current Hawaiian Homes lessee who has seen the great benefits of being on Hawaiian Homelands. Without it, I would not be able to own my own home in Hawai‘i to support my family of 5.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Mahalo nui,

Joylynn Paman

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Submitted on: 2/1/2022 10:19:56 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jacob Chu-Hing	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Jacob Chu-Hing, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2022 10:20:35 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Cheri Richards	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Cheri Richards, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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. I have been on the waitlist since 1986 that is over 30+ years. My hopes is that I will be on my 'aina to see my grandchildren and great-grandchildren raised and thrive. We cannot afford the rising cost of our lands and it is being taken over by developers who have no connection to our 'aina. PLEASE do what is PONO and way over due.

In closing, please PASS SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Cheri Richards

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 10:22:11 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Maelani Lee and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Maelani Lee

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 10:23:55 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kimo Cashman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Kimo A. Cashman, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 10:24:01 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Camille Hampton	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Camille Hampton, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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 despite the fact that I don't have the blood quantum to qualify for Hawaiian Home Lands benefits. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision to reinstate positive outcomes for native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 10:24:28 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Sam Kapu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Sam Kapu III, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 10:30:22 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
LEHUA PILAGO-SERRAO	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Keohokalole, and members of the Committee,

My name is Lehua Kawahinehoa Hardy Pilago-Serrao, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Very Respectfully,

Mrs. Lehua Kawahinehoa Hardy Pilago-Serrao

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 10:31:42 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Ikaika Molina, and i am a native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB3359, which would appropriate \$600 million in much needed and extremely long overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. The historical crisis of native Hawaiians has perpetuated a sistemic health disparities and this funding would go a long way to improve health outcomes. it is in the best intrest of the federal governmet to release these funds and reduces the social determinents of native hawaiiians.

Please Pass SB3359

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Ikaika Molina

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 10:34:19 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Noa Lincoln	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support SB3359 as a citizen of Hawai'i. Although I will not benefit from this measure personally, the state has long failed its obligation to Native Hawaiians the the Department of Hawaiian Homelands in securing housing for displaced populations of indigenous Hawaiians. Such an investment in Hawaiian housing will not only be a strong step towards justive and equality, but also have ramifications for our states economy and well-being through secondary effects.

Thank you for this opportunity.

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 10:39:04 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Noe Tupou	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Michelle M. Kamakanoenoe Tupou, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

me ka ha'aha'a,

noe~

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 10:42:02 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Katrina Oliveira	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Katrina-Ann Oliveira, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 10:47:04 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Jen N. Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Janette N. Lee, and I am Hawaii resident on Oahu. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 10:48:28 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Soulee LKO Stroud	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Soulee LKO Stroud and I am Native Hawaiian and although I currently reside in Utah, I speak for my ohana and future generations of my extended ohana, who live in Hawai'i and also those who currently live beond its shores.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Soulee LKO Stroud

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 10:52:04 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Isaiah Kaaauwai, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program AND ALSO the DREAMS/GOALS of MANY NATIVE HAWAIIANS who want to OWN A HOME.

Mahalo nui for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 10:53:05 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kahealani Isaacs-Acasio	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Kahealani Isaacs-Acasio, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB3359, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enable Native Hawaiians in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commissions 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhio Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating Native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 10:54:53 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Tierra Bartolotti	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Hawai'i State Legislators,

My name is Tierra Bartolotti. Although I am not of Native Hawaiian decent, I'm extremely grateful for the ways in which the Native Hawaiian community has educated & humbled me beyond just the classroom. I'm extremely grateful for the ways in which the Native Hawaiian culture has connected me to a sense of purpose and community. I'm grateful for the perspective that Native Hawaiians have shared with me in terms of values & stewardship responsibilities that we have towards our local & global resources. I also feel that because of the privileges that I have by living here in Hawai'i, it is my responsibility to share this understanding with others & not to perpetuate an exploitative narrative of Native Hawaiians. I **STRONGLY SUPPORT** 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.

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** SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 10:57:39 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kalani Flores	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Kalani Flores, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 11:19:54 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Dr. Adrienne Dillard, Ph.D., MSW, LSW	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Keohokalole, and members of the Committee,

My name is Dr. Adrienne Dillard, Ph.D., MSW, LSW, and I am a resident guest of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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 and hopefully improve existing aging infrastructure which currently makes it almost impossible for many kūpuna to safely “age in place”. SB3359 is a matter of social justice delayed as it 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. Set wrong that has existed for way too long Now is the time to get Native Hawaiians off the list, off the street, and into homes in their homeland. Now is the time to do the right thing.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Adrienne Dillard, PhD, MSW, LSW

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 11:25:31 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Laameaomaunaala Burgess	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Laamea Burgess, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 11:37:24 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Daphne Kahawai-Tom	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Daphne Kahawai-Tom, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 11:39:19 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Ralph Hasegawa, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 12:05:23 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kawena Beupre	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Kawena Beupre, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 12:12:37 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Stephen Park	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Stephen Park, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawaii. I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB3359, which would appropriate \$600 million in much needed and long overdue funding to the DHHL to enable native Hawaiians to acquire residences. SB3359 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 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. 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 kulaiwi.

in closing, please PASS SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kuhio Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 12:15:14 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Salena Lee, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 12:23:06 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Sheadon Freitas	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha nui kākou,

I support SB3359 to further assist and benefit Native Hawaiians in obtaining ‘āina for the future generations. It is also sad that the consultation for the community is very last minute as the due date for testimony is due tomorrow. Please take into consideration that because of the last minute notice, there may not be alot of community feedback. This bill is long overdue and should be passed to alleviate the problems with many families that are waiting on the Hawaiian Homes list.

Me ke aloha no kākou!

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 12:27:50 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Michele-Ann K Hoku Akana	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Michele Ann K Hōkū Akana, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. SB3359 holds the potential to begin 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 12:44:35 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kahaunani Mahoe-Thoene	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Kahaunani Mahoe-Thoene, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 1:02:38 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Luukia Archer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Luukia Archer and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 1:07:26 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Dr. Kauahi Perez, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Sincerely,

Kauahi Perez, PhD

February 1, 2022

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Sean K. Spencer, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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.

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. SB3359 holds the potential for generational change for native Hawaiians who have waited too dam long on the waitlist.

In closing, please PASS SB3359 to help fulfill our Prince's vision for rehabilitating Native Hawaiians.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sean K. Spencer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sean K. Spencer

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 1:19:12 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Joseph Kohn MD	Testifying for We Are One, Inc. - www.WeAreOne.cc - WAO	Support	No

Comments:

Strongly support SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalanianaʻole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

www.WeAreOne.cc

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Submitted on: 2/1/2022 1:20:16 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

I , Norman Akau Jr strongly support this bill

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 1:25:12 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Chelsey Dickson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Chelsey Dickson. I am a Native Hawaiian born and raised in Waimea on the island of Hawaii. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. I have personally worked on housing surveys for HUD. There is immediate need for Hawaiians to have access to land and housing. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

With Aloha,

Chelsey Dickson

PO Box 1711

Kamuela Hawaii 96743

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Submitted on: 2/1/2022 1:50:18 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Bradford Baang of Waianae, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Brad - Waianae

February 1, 2022

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Michael Rawlins, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.


Michael E. Rawlins
7541 Napoko Place
Honolulu, HI 96825

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Submitted on: 2/1/2022 1:51:28 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kawika Wise	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Kāwika Wise, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 2:10:51 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Teri F. Gorman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support the appropriation of \$600 million to Hawaiian Homelands. Housing in Hawaii is in very short supply unless someone is a billionaire. The more Native Hawaiians who can move to Homestead lands, the better for everyone else. I do not qualify for Hawaiian Homelands, but I strongly believe that what is good for Hawaiians is good for Hawaii. Please, do the right thing and pass this bill. Mahalo, Teri Freitas Gorman, Kula, Maui

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 2:31:40 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Molly Mamaril	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Molly Mamaril, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Molly Mamaril

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 2:45:03 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Nanea Lo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hello Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Nanea Lo. I come from Papakōlea, O‘ahu. I'm a Kanaka Maoli born and raised in the Hawaiian Kingdom.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

me ke aloha ‘āina,

Nanea Lo

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 2:50:00 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Dame Tadia Rice	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Tadia Rice, and I am a resident of Hawai‘i with strong ties to the kanaka maoli community. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program. It is pono. It is needed for the benefit of the lahui and all 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 Ede Fukumoto, a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i and have been on the DHHL list for the chance of a home since the 1990's. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 closing, please PASS SB3359.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2022 3:03:20 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Desire DeSoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha e Chair Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair Keohokalole, and members of the Committee,

My name is Desiré De Soto, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I ***STRONGLY SUPPORT 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.

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 under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920 (HHCA). WHEN finally enacted, this will be the single largest state or federal investment in the program in any one year in the 100-year history of HHCA. 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 SB3359*** to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program, its LONG OVERDUE.

Mahalo for your time and the opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 3:22:06 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Katie Benioni, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 3:39:08 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Paula Phillips	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Paula Lee Phillips, and I am not a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i but I do **STRONGLY SUPPORT** 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. 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. 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.

Please **PASS** SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

This is long overdue. Also we need to drop the quantum to 25% for my son-inlaw and grandson.

Mahalo nui loa for this opportunity to testify on this bill.

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 4:32:11 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

STRONGLY SUPPORT SB3359, which would appropriate \$600 million in much-needed and long-overdue funding to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) to enable them to carry out their mission and to fulfill the State's promise to house native Hawaiians IAW the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA) of 1920.

SB3359 provides hope for the many native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for far too long and is in line with the state's many initiatives to provide opportunities for housing, especially for Native Hawaiians under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920.

Please PASS SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalanianaʻole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 4:51:43 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Maryann Barros	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Maryann Nakoia Barros, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 5:07:15 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

Dear Chairs, Vice Chairs and members of the committee. I am Wanda Anae-Onishi, a Native Hawaiian resident of Oahu. I strongly support SB3359 to fulfill Prince Kuhio's vision of providing homes to Native Hawaiians thru much needed funding appropriated to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Many Native Hawaiians have been on the wait list for too long. Some have become homeless due to the high cost of living in Hawaii. When Hawaii became a state, government promised to provide housing in accordance with the Hawaiian Homes Commissions Act. Now is the time to make good on this promise. Please pass SB3359. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 5:37:21 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Sherrie Galdeira	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Sherrie Galdeira, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 5:49:04 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kilia Purdy-Avelino	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Kilia Purdy-Avelino. I am native Hawaiian and a 4th generation Hawaiian homesteader of Hoolehua, Molokai. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

ke aloha,

Kilia Purdy-Avelino

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 5:56:21 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Kevin M. Boehning, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 5:58:31 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
carol surratt	Testifying for kauai kokua realty	Support	No

Comments:

aloha,

I am a native Hawaiian. Please support the passage of SB3359! This will affirm the long overdue funding needed for homes for native hawaiiians. We have all heard stories of eligible hawaiiians with little hope of owning a home in their lifetime.

In my 45 years as a realtor on Kauai, I have seen the prices of homes increase more than tenfold, with the most dramatic increase in the last year. Market priced homes are out of reach for the majority of local residents, even more so for native hawaiiians.

On our island, a substantial sum is needed in order to provide the infrastructure for utilities needed to service potential sites for new Hawaiian owned subdivisions. The law is clear that the Hawaiians should be compensated for the ceded lands revenue. Please take action to uphold the agreements that have been denied for too long.

I firmly believe that the homes must be owned, not leased as home ownership has been proven to benefit the occupants in multiple ways. Most importantly, it provides stability and the potential for the building of financial security and wealth over time. Most Hawaiians have welcomed other races into their families. They should not be penalized for doing so, as it happens currently if none of the family survivors no longer qualify for the current lease.

Please help to right the wrongs done to Hawaiians by passing this bill!

Mahalo,

Carol Surratt

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 6:06:12 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Roger Mo'ikeha Kaneali'i. Jr	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Roger Mo'ikeha Kaneali'i Jr. and I am a Native Hawaiian and of resident of Moku O Hawai'i and I **STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo Nui for your saervice and for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Roger M. Kaneali'i , Jr

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 6:34:47 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Marie Eckart	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Senators,

Please support bill SB3359.

I have been waiting since 1975 for a homestead.

As a single parent, I worked multiple jobs to keep my daughters in a safe home having to pay high rental fees. It wasn't a choice having to work multiple jobs it was a necessity to ensure my daughters had every opportunity to attend good schools, have medical coverage and food, just basic everyday needs. I wasn't alone, many Hawaiian single mothers attended every DHL meeting sharing our frustration for endless delays of receiving a homestead versus paying high rental fees.

It's long overdue, my mother passed away in 1996 waiting. Please don't let another homestead waitlist Hawaiian die waiting.

Please choose to support bill SB3359

God bless

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 6:39:21 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

SB3359 - SUPPORT

I Juila Estigoy-Kaho'onei am in absolutely SUPPORT of this Senate Bill appropriating \$600 million to the Department of Hawaiian Homelands for the benefit of Native Hawaiians. It's long overdue as so many on the waitlist have been patiently waiting for their opportunity to own a piece of land that should have been theirs to begin with. It's a shame that many have died before even getting a chance to work their way to the top of the list. All the while more and more Americans and foreigners are buying property at a ridiculous cost thereby making it more and more difficult for those who have been here for generations to survive in their own homeland. The sale of Hawaiian lands and homes to the highest bidder does not nothing to promote or even protect the culture and fragile ecosystem of the islands as many of those who purchase property don't even live on island. They buy then rent to foreigners who have no respect for the culture and environment. It makes more sense to find a way to help the native Hawaiians flourish and thrive as they are the best stewards of this 'aina for they understand it's their kuleana to preserve it.

The monies could be used to acquire dilapidated or abandoned buildings which creates blight in many neighborhoods, and rehabilitate and renovate with the collaboration of Habitat for Humanity and similar organizations. Once renovated these homes can be part of the DHHL inventory. Not only will it benefit native Hawaiians, but it would allow more diverse neighborhoods more rooted in Hawaiian culture as native families will be part of such neighborhoods. That is one option I wanted to express.

In conclusion, the investment of \$600 million for Hawaiian Homelands would be a giant step in making things pono for the Hawaiian people. Please do the right thing and pass this bill SB3359

Juila Estigoy-Kaho'onei

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 6:44:33 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

I STRONGLY SUPPORT this long overdue step to uphold our state's existential and moral obligation to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Mahalo!

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 7:50:39 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukro; Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is, Madeline Neely, I am a Native Hawaiian and a lifetime resident of Hawaii.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB3359 and the long overdue appropriation and deserving estimated funding of \$600 million to and for the Department of Hawaiian Homelands and its beneficiaries. Please assert your KULEANA and pass SB3359. Mahalo Nui.

Respectfully submitted,

Madeline Neely, Kaaawa, HI 96730

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 10:38:54 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Grace Bezilla	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Kāko'o

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/1/2022 10:42:56 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Noel Shaw	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Mai Kākou,

I am writing in support of SB3359. As a Hawaiian Homestead beneficiary and successor to my family's homestead lease, it is essential the Department of Hawaiian Homelands is adequately funded from State revenue. The State has gone too long without upholding it's fudiciary duty to Homestead Beneficiaries, made evident by the extensive waiting list and by the poorly planned and facilitated existing homestead properties.

Establishing the special fund will ensure not only that the State is adequately funding DHHL but also that other entities may support DHHL's mission of returning Hawai'i's to 'āina in Hawai'i.

Mahalo,

Noel

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Submitted on: 2/2/2022 6:23:40 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Pookela Hanson, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/2/2022 6:42:48 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

"FINALLY!!!!!" JUSTICE

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/2/2022 8:09:49 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Patricia Moliioo-Larson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Patricia Moliioo-Larson, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/2/2022 9:43:40 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Michael Naioa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Michael Nakoa, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Sincerely,

Michael Nakoa

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/2/2022 10:19:29 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Mele McPherson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Mele McPherson, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/2/2022 10:36:59 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

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

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Lindsey Wong, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Genesis Kalawe, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i as well as a 4th generation homesteader. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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. There are too many Hawaiians in need of land to support their families and endeavors.

In closing, please PASS SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Sincerely,
Genesis Kalawe

February 2, 2022

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Andrew Kealana Phillips, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

February 2, 2022

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

I write this testimony with a grateful heart in support of SB 3359. I am a Native Hawaiian and am currently residing in my home (that I was able to build for my family) in the Kawaihae Hawaiian Homestead. The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has afforded me the ability to own my own home which gives my family and I stability and peace of mind and I am so thankful and grateful for their purpose and mission to all Hawaiians.

There are thousands of Native Hawaiians on the waitlist and if this bill is passed, it will provide much needed funds to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to help families like mine and will hopefully prevent homelessness during this time when finding a home to rent or buy seems hopeless.

If a simple letter of support and testimony is needed to help move this bill forward, I gladly testify that I am support of SB 3359 and am in support of funding the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands with \$600,000,000 to assist in fulfilling their mission and continuing the legacy of Prince Kuhio by “...rehabilitating our dying race by placing Hawaiians back upon the soil.”

Thank you for your consideration and for allowing us the opportunity to be heard.

Bambi Lau

Kawaihae Puakailma Hawaiian Homestead

February 3, 2022
Senate Committee On Hawaiian Affairs
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair
Senator Jarrett Keohokolole, Vice Chair

Testimony in Support of SB-3359

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokolole, and members of the Committee,

I'm Homelani Schaedel, a beneficiary residing in Malu'ohai, a homestead leader in Kapolei, and an advocate for the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust.

I did not receive the hearing notice on this bill until after I submitted my testimony before the 1:00 pm deadline for SB-2608 on January 31, 2022. In my testimony on February 1, 2022 supporting SB-2608, I said "meanwhile, the kahea will be sent for every applicant on the waitlist and every lessee to hold the 2022 Legislative body to task, and ensure DHHL receives \$600 million dollars this session. Do not use this as a ploy because it is election year, we will hold you to it, and we will not forget!" I'm aware it was a strong statement, it was meant to be.

Please don't misunderstand me, I appreciate the crafting of this bill because it recognizes and acknowledges the State and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) fiduciary kuleana and obligation to **all beneficiaries** of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, as amended (HHCA), **and** it summarizes the challenges that has plagued DHHL from accelerating residential awards.

This is a start, the estimated cost for infrastructure on O'ahu is \$150,000 divided into \$600,000 equates to approximately 4,000 homes; that still leaves over 6,000 applicants on the O'ahu Residential Waitlist!

I am not ready to remove the sting of Speaker Saiki's statement... "Members, it is time to give the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands the resources it needs to fulfill its fiduciary duty". I'm reminded of the story of the "Trojan Horse"

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/2/2022 12:19:29 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Shirley Swinney	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Shirley Swinney, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. **I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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.

Please **PASS SB3359** to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/2/2022 12:24:25 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Max Mukai	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Max Mukai, I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB2511/SB3359, 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.

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/2/2022 12:31:28 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Visaluana Castillo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

“The Promise”

This year, the Legislature is considering legislation (HB2511/SB3359) that 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.

Watch Former Gov. John Waihee III interview

House Finance Chair Sylvia Luke about HB2511/SB3359

About the Bills [HB2511](#) / [SB3359](#)

Brief Summary:

- Introduced as part of the House Majority Package by 46 members of the House
- Establishes a new Hawaiian Home Lands Special Fund
- Appropriates \$600,000,000 to DHHL to enable native Hawaiians to acquire a residence in FY22/23.

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Quick Facts:

- On July 9, 1921, President Warren G. Harding signed the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act
- Through its passage, the United States set aside approximately 200,000 acres of land to establish a permanent homeland for native Hawaiians, who were 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,” Hawaii Congressional Delegate Kūhiō Kalanianaʻole wrote to U.S. Senators prior to the passage of the Act.
- The 1959 Admission Act 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.
- Currently, DHHL administers nearly 10,000 homestead leases statewide
- The DHHL waitlist has steadily grown in size over the past decade rising from nearly 26,000 in 2010 to more than 28,700 today.

Submit Testimony on HB2511 & SB3359

Sample Testimony:

My name is Visa Castillo, I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB3359, 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. 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.

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/2/2022 12:32:47 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kahealani Peleras	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Kahealani Peleras and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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.

Mahalo for this opportunity to submit testimony. Me ke aloha nui,

Kahealani Peleras

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/2/2022 12:37:52 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
melissa tomlinson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support this Bill.

SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/2/2022 1:05:48 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kali Watson	Testifying for Hawaiian Community Development Board	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of **SB 3359** relating to the creation of a special fund and appropriating funds to enable beneficiaries to acquire residents and enable DHHL to fulfill its fiduciary duties to its beneficiaries.

While DHHL Chairman, we were able to get the Legislature to fund a \$600 million settlement (Act 14 of 1995) which in part allowed us to generate about 3,100 homestead units over my 4 years costing \$164.5 million. We also acquired additional DLNR state lands to make the trust whole. And we were able to acquire federal lands under the federal Hawaiian Homes Recovery Act. While steps in the right direction, after 100 years under the program, this obviously is not enough, especially when presently over “28,700 applicants remain on the waitlist for residential, agricultural, or pastoral leases.” Significant additional funding is desperately needed.

The proposed legislation is well intended and the timing is right with the State having a \$1 billion surplus. The legislation provides DHHL with the financial resources to build needed homesteads, which have been sadly in short supply in the last 20 years. If used correctly and leveraged with other funding sources, DHHL and the State can meet their mandate and fiduciary responsibilities in providing housing/homesteads to native Hawaiians. As part of the pact and condition of Statehood and our 1978 State Constitutional, sufficient funding should be provided to DHHL for the program to be a success. Without a doubt, there should be no homeless (“houseless”) Hawaiians in Hawaii. This sad affair should be corrected, and immediately. The resources have been there, but not provided in sufficient amounts over the past years. DHHL has not a priority under most past administrations. 1995 and last year’s CIP funding were exceptions, but nowhere near what is needed overall.

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SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/2/2022 2:25:16 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kenneth R. Conklin, Ph.D.	Individual	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 the last 24 hours OHA has send out an email or text message to everyone on its roster 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 save the rest of Hawaii's people from the monster that threatens to devour the State.

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February 2, 2022

Aloha, Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair; Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Vice Chair; and members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs:

I am writing to express my **support** of SB3359 relating to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands:

I am of native Hawaiian descent and, although far removed from the Hawaiian Home Lands process, I believe this funding is much needed and long overdue.

The prohibitive cost of housing in Hawaii is an even more insurmountable barrier to many of native Hawaiian ancestry. The Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920 was created to help this community retain the ability to live in their homeland. SB3359 would be a huge step toward fulfilling that century-old promise.

This bill could enable generational change for native Hawaiians who have languished on the waitlist for decades, and create the opportunity for homeownership in their kulāiwi.

Please pass SB3359 and fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalanianaʻole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for your consideration.



Ryan Kawailani Ozawa

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SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/2/2022 8:15:02 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Melissa Roberts	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Melissa Roberts, and I am a Native Hawaiian. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

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SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/2/2022 11:04:34 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kamuela Werner	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Kamuela Werner and I am a DHHL beneficiary. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Kamuela Werner

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SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/3/2022 5:02:14 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Richard Hai	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Richard Hai, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

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SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/3/2022 9:59:51 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Kaeokulani Keawe	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I personally would love to see the Department of Hawaiian Homelands receive the funding, however i think hearing a plan of what the money will be used for specifically down to the last dollar would be very assuring to the people, especially those on the waitlist. There have been too many instances of "x amount of money will solve the problem" but due to lack of planning, certain problems occur and arent even thought of where the money often leaves half finished projects. I would love to see at the very least, a plan of "we will be erecting a new community here" or "we will fix these communities in this way."

Mahalo

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SB-3359

Submitted on: 2/3/2022 10:28:11 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/3/2022 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Lehua Abrigo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Lehua Abrigo. I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i, but more importantly a grateful beneficiary in Malu'ohai Homestead in Kapolei.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB3359, 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. I serve in a volunteer capacity on my Homestead Association board and have seen the budget that DHHL submits vs. the funding that they actually receive year after year. It's disheartening to know how much work needs to be done, but can't.

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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Aoha,

Lehua Abrigo

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SB-3359

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Sherry Hester	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Sherry Hester, CEO of Ulu HI-Tech and founder of the Native Hawaiian non-profits, Ke Kumu Ulu ans Ulu Lāhui Foundation. I am also a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai‘i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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.

My mother, Elizabeth Haliālaulani Kihoi Long has been waitlisted for years and is yet to receive an award for a Hawaiian Homestead. She is now in her 80’s and will, most likely, not see her dream realized. This is the sad situation for so many of our kupuna.

In closing, please PASS SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana‘ole’s vision of **empowering** native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.

Me ka ha‘a ha‘a,

Sherry Hester

LATE

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Christa E Hester	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole and members of the Committee,

My name is Christa Hester, and I am a Native Hawaiian resident of Hawai'i. I STRONGLY SUPPORT 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. 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. 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 SB3359 to help fulfill Prince Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of rehabilitating native Hawaiians through the HHCA program.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify on this measure.