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TESTIMONY OF KAULANA H. R. PARK, CHAIRMAN

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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON TRANSPORTATION, INTERNATIONAL

AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS &

WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE AND

HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

ON HB 2441 HD 2 RELATING TO PROCUREMENT

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Chair English, Chair Hee and Members of the Committees:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands supports HB 2441 HD 1 which helps expedite the contract awards process for government projects, including projects on Hawaiian Home Lands.

HB 2441 HD 2 will support our department's operations as the state's largest housing developer and, in turn, will help native Hawaiian families sooner realize their homeownership goals. I respectfully urge your committee to pass legislation like this that will help balance expedited procurement procedures with accountability and transparency to help DHHL move projects forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.