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## LATE TESTIMONY

COMMENTS PROVIDED BY KAULANA H. R. PARK, CHAIRMAN HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

ON HCR335/ HR253, URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO LEASE AVAILABLE LANDS FOR COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL USES TO NON-HAWAIIANS AT MARKET RATES

March 17, 2010

Chair Carroll, Vice-Chair Shimabukuro and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands provides the following comments on HCR335/ HR253 which aim to maximize the revenue generated on our non-homestead lands by leasing these available lands at market rates.

This is currently our practice and, through our general leases and market rent rates to non-Hawaiian entities and businesses, we have been able to generate more than \$7 million to support the development of homestead communities for native Hawaiians.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.