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TESTIMONY OF ALAPAKI NAHALE-A, CHAIRMAN

HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS & AGRICULTURE

HR 195/ HCR 224, REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO PARTNER WITH THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE ENTITIES TO PROVIDE SUPPORT SERVICES TO ITS BENEFICIARIES TO ENCOURAGE SUCCESSFUL FARMING ON AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL LANDS

April 1, 2011

Aloha Chair Hanohano, Chair Tsuji, and Members of the Committees:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) supports this resolution and is currently in the process of assessing both our agricultural and pastoral homestead programs with the intent of revising, re-developing and advancing these programs. The Hawaiian Homes Commission took action last year to support this initiative to make more agricultural and pastoral homesteads available to our beneficiaries. We look forward to reporting on these efforts leading up to the opening of the 2012 legislative session.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

LATE TESTIMONY

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:

Friday, April 01, 2011

TIME:

9:00am

PLACE: Conference Room 312

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Testimony in Support HR 195 / HCR 224

Aloha Committee on Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs,

My name is Lynn De Coite and I am a homestead farmer on the island of Molokai and I am in support of requesting the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to partner with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and other appropriate entities to provide support services to its beneficiaries to encourage successful farming on agricultural and pastoral lands.

Farmers and Ranchers need support services to ensure that we continue to grow food and build a sustainable Hawaii. I urge you to support this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to give testimony.

Mahalo, Lynn DeCoite

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