NEIL ABERCROMBIE GOVERNOR STATE OF HAWAI'I



ALBERT "ALAPAKI" NA HALE-A CHAIRMAN HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION

> ROBERT J. HALL DEPUTY TO THE CHAIRMAN

STATE OF HAWAI'I DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

P.O. BOX 1879 HONOLULU, HAWAI'I 96805

COMMENTS OF ALAPAKI NAHALE-A, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS AND
ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION & BUSINESS ON

HR 280/HCR 315, REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF JOINTLY ESTABLISHING A NATIVE HAWAIIAN RESEARCH, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY PARK

March 30, 2011

Aloha Chair Hanohano, Chair McKelvey and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) supports the intent of this resolution to support Native Hawaiian economic development initiatives, but the responsibilities charged to this task force are beyond the purview of our department and our trust. We may be able to support this study by identifying a parcel in our inventory where a Native Hawaiian technology park could be feasible, but we cannot lead this kind of initiative. The resources we would allocate to this task force would take away from our efforts to carry out our mission.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.