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TESTIMONY OF ALAPAKI NAHALE-A, CHAIRMAN HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE ON

SCR 159 SD2, URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO RELEASE PASTORAL AND AGRICULTURAL LEASES TO ITS BENEFICIARIES AND REPORT STATISTICAL DATA RELATED TO IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE XII, SECTION 1 OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION

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Aloha Chair Oshiro, Vice-Chair Lee and Members of the Committee:

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.