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TESTIMONY OF ALAPAKI NAHALE-A, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
IN SUPPORT OF

#### SB 2790, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

February 8, 2012

Chair Galuteria, Vice-Chair Ryan and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands strongly supports SB 2790, which extends the sunset date of the peak-draw provision of Act 187 (2010) from June 30, 2012, to June 30, 2015. This bill is part of the Governor's administrative package by request of our department.

In 2010, the legislature passed this provision because it found existing procurement requirements unnecessarily delayed the delivery of affordable homes to Hawaiian Home Lands applicants. The law enables the department to act more like a private developer/contractor by allowing our staff to encumber construction contracts with the peak value of the proposed development, instead of having full capitalization funding on hand.

In the time since the passage of Act 187, the economic conditions in Hawaii, and the timing of our projects, did not provide the department an opportunity to implement the pilot program. However, the department anticipates needing this pilot program immediately and over the next three years to manage a number of upcoming projects.

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The three-year sunset extension allows this administration to take full advantage of the peak-draw provision to create and deliver homestead opportunities to as many of our 42,000 applicants as possible.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this important measure.



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Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

February 8, 2012

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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) <u>SUPPORTS</u> SB2790, which extends the sunset date of 2010's Act 187 from 2012 to 2015.

This bill allows the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) to begin contruction on its projects without having full capital costs on hand. This puts DHHL on similar financial footing to other developers who are managing multiple projects. This would enable DHHL to provide enhanced service to its beneficiaries, who are also OHA's beneficiaries.

Therefore, OHA urges the committee to PASS SB2790. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

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