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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON OCEAN MARINE RESOURCES AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

HB 2750 RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIANS

Wednesday, 2/10/16; 9:00 am; Room 325

Aloha Chairman Ing, Vice chair Lowen and members of the House Committee. I am Annelle Amaral, president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs. I regret I am unable to attend this hearing as I am a delegate to the Native Hawaiian `Aha that is now in session.

The AHCC supports this bill to name a Native Hawaiian Housing Task Force to identify duplication of services among state agencies. This data base will help to enable the improvement and delivery of services to those of greatest need. The report of findings and recommendations are due to the regular legislative session of 2017.

While this Task Force will be attached to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for administrative purposes we urge that adequate general funds be made to cover the costs of the Task Force to avoid being a burden on OHA. We also suggest that consultations with county governments are in order since county services are usually first responders to hands-on needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Cynthia K.L. Rezendes	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: While this is a well meaning bill, this should not detract from the current efforts that are on-going with the various departments already working together to promote more low-income and affordable housing to not only address much of issues with low-income, moderate-income and the homeless not being able to afford housing, either via rental or homeownership. The agencies identified are already working together to try to increase funding to be able to work with developers to establish gap funding for development of affordable housing. They are also actively working to identify new types of housing infrastructure that could more readily meet lowering the cost of development. Establishing another task force to "over-see" the work that is already being done could be counter-productive to efforts already underway by having to "re-start" the clock.

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House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs

February 10, 2016

9:00 a.m.

Room 325

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment Committee will recommend that the Board of Trustees **OPPOSE** HB2750. This measure would establish a Native Hawaiian housing task force, attached to OHA for administrative purposes, to review the efficiency of housing-related services provided by state agencies that serve Native Hawaiians.

While we appreciate the measure's intent to ensure that state agencies efficiently and collaboratively address the needs of our beneficiaries, the OHA Board of Trustees has a policy of opposing any legislative measure that places an entity into OHA without prior consultation with, and approval by, the Board.

Our opposition should not be interpreted as a lack of recognition of the current housing and homelessness crisis facing Native Hawaiians, an issue of great concern to OHA. We are open and interested in meeting and discussing with the agencies named to the task force on how our programs can better serve the needs of Native Hawaiians. We already collaborate on many levels with the agencies named in the bill. OHA is an active member of the Hawai'i Interagency Council on Homelessness (HICH), which includes representatives from those agencies named in the bill. OHA currently serves as a chair for one of the HICH workgroups. In addition to our responsibilities with HICH, OHA participates monthly in Housing Directors meetings, which include representation from every county housing agency as well as the Hawai'i Housing Finance Development Corporation (HHFDC), the Department of Human Services, and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL).

Recently, OHA along with most of the members of the Housing Directors group initiated a cooperative purchase agreement to complete the large-scale 2015 Hawai'i Housing Planning Study. OHA's funding contribution allowed us to assist with survey design, to ensure that specific data on the housing needs of our beneficiaries would be collected. The contractor for the study is currently analyzing data and should have results available later this year.

In addition to these activities and consistent with our strategic plan, OHA has distributed approximately \$22.7 million from FY11 to FY15 to programs that help meet the housing needs of Native Hawaiians. Examples of such funding include:

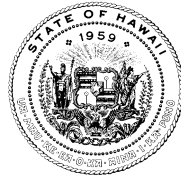
- From FY11 to FY15, OHA distributed more than \$6.2 million in grant funding to partner organizations that provided emergency financial assistance; built affordable homes; administered transitional shelters; and helped build the economic self-sufficiency of homeless and at-risk individuals and families.
- In 2008, OHA entered into an agreement with DHHL to provide \$90 million over 30 years (\$3 million per year) to support DHHL housing development program activities.¹ As a result of this agreement, OHA provided a total of \$15 million to DHHL from FY11 to FY15. DHHL identified 47 residential projects that are being funded with OHA's annual commitments. DHHL's April 2014 annual report indicated that 10 projects were completed and four others are at least 50 percent complete.
- OHA has also allowed Kaka'ako's Next Step Shelter to lease its space on OHA lands for a nominal \$1 annual rent, foregoing \$500,000 annually in fair market rent, or approximately \$1.5 million in revenue, since acquiring our Kaka'ako Makai lands in 2012.

In light of the above, OHA urges the Committee to **HOLD** HB 2750. Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

¹ These funds cover the debt service on bonds issued by DHHL for infrastructure for new homesteads.

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AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

IN OPPOSITION TO

HB 2750 Relating to Native Hawaiians

February 10, 2016

Aloha Chair Ing and members of the Committee:

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony relating to HB 2750. The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands **respectfully opposes HB 2750**. The proposed measure would establish a task force to identify duplicative housing-related services among state agencies that serve Native Hawaiians.

The work envisioned for the task force has already been initiated on both a State and Federal level. At the request of legislators, the DHHL has reached out to other housing agencies in the State to find out how we can collaborate and what types of information can be shared so that we may better coordinate in utilizing our limited resources in addressing this critical need. Federally, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is preparing a report on Native Hawaiian housing. The report is expected to provide detailed information assessing the housing needs of the Native Hawaiian population and will go a long way in supporting the development of coordinated programs to address outstanding and possible future issues.

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to submit testimony about HB 2750.

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