

SB 3029

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**TESTIMONY OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN  
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION  
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**IN STRONG SUPPORT OF**

**SB 3029 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS**

February 10, 2016

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro and members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) is a unique agency as it is the only department explicitly identified in the Hawaii State Constitution as being guaranteed a level of funding. As required by the Admissions Act and as a compact with the United States, the State of Hawaii and the people of Hawaii adopted the Act as a provision of the State Constitution and agreed to faithfully carry out the spirit of the Act for the rehabilitation of the Hawaiian race. These trust responsibilities still remain.

Article XII, Section 1, as noted in the bill, requires the legislature to make sufficient sums available for lot development, loans, rehabilitation projects, and administration and operating budget of the department. We acknowledge the thrust of SB 3029, for the first time in 37 years since the 1978 State Constitutional amendment, to provide sufficient sums to the department for its operating and administrative expenses. This bill creates an opportunity to improve our delivery of beneficiary services, relieves reliance of DHHL on revenues generated on trust lands so that those funds may be used to provide direct benefits to its beneficiaries that is direly needed, and resolves a controversial issue that is long overdue.

In line with Judge Castagnetti's order, DHHL on behalf of its Commission, request that a new paragraph be added to appropriate \$28 million or so much out of general revenues as may be necessary to reimburse DHHL administrative and operating costs expensed by DHHL special and trust funds for fiscal year 2016. We further recommend that the general funds be deposited to the Hawaiian Home Administration Account to facilitate reimbursement of administrative and operating expenses paid by DHHL's special and trust funds.

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DHHL requests that the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs pass SB 3029 out of Committee, with the suggested changes. Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.



## **Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs**

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### **SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

#### **SB3029 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS**

**Wednesday, 02/10/16; 1:15pm; Room 016**

Aloha Madam Chair Shimabukuro, vice chair English and members of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs. I am Annelle Amaral, president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (AHCC), unable to be at the hearing today due to my status as a delegate to the Native Hawaiian `Aha. AHCC supports this bill.

A number of our members are also homesteaders and we have heard their frustration over the years regarding inadequate funding from the State to fulfill the mission of the Department. As a function of our annual conventions we deliberate Native Hawaiian issues submitted by our clubs through resolutions that are discussed, voted upon and, if adopted, forwarded to the legislation.

Resolutions with regard to fair and adequate funding for DHHL have been deliberated and adopted several times so this is not a new issue for us. What is new is the suit and court judgement that lays the State problem squarely at the legislature's door. State government has taken advantage of the Department of Hawaiian Homes for too many years, ignoring the constitutional mandate to provide appropriate funding by controlling the administrative and commission appointments.

We applaud attempts to right the wrongs. Thank you for the opportunity to support this bill.

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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

February 10, 2016

Senate Bill No. 3029  
Relating to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair English and Members of the Committee:

The Ka Lāhui Hawai'i Political Action Committee (KPAC) affirms and defends our Hawaiian peoples' right to over 1.8 million acres of our national lands.

KPAC submits the following testimony in support of SB 3029. This bill ensures the legislature fulfills its responsibility under Article XII, section 1 of the state constitution by appropriating sufficient general funds for the administration and operating expenses of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

The Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920 (HHCA) enacted by Congress established the Hawaiian Home Lands program. As a condition of Statehood in section 4 of the Admissions Act in 1959, the State is required to adopt the HHCA as a provision of the Constitution. As such Article XII, section 1 of the State Constitution adopts the HHCA and further provides that the legislature shall make sufficient sums available for 4 purposes, one of which is the administration and operating budget of DHHL.

This bill is one step in complying with the recent court's decision in the Nelson case that ordered that "the sufficient sums that the legislature is constitutionally obligated to appropriate in general funds for DHHL's administrative and operating budget (not including significant repairs) is more than \$28 million for fiscal year 2015-2016." The legislature appropriated \$9.6 million in general funds for fiscal year 2015-2016. While this bill appropriately funds \$28 million for fiscal year 2016-2017, the legislature must also fund the additional \$18.4 million for the current fiscal year. At a minimum, language should be included in this bill that any special or trust funds used this fiscal year for administrative and operating expenses should be replenished with general funds.

The court's directive is clear in ordering that the State "shall prospectively fulfill their constitutional duties and trust responsibilities" and is "enjoined from violating these obligations."

The court also noted in its ruling that "No other State department has a constitutional mandate requiring the legislature to provide 'sufficient sums' for its administrative and operating budget." Given the contractual agreement as part of Statehood and the constitutional mandate, funding DHHL must be supported despite the pending notice of appeal filed by the Attorney General. Thus, KPAC requests this bill be passed and additional funding be appropriated for this fiscal year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Healani Sonoda-Pale  
KPAC Chair

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Olinda Aiwohi	Paukukalo Hawaiian Homes Community Association	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Senator Maile Shimabukuro, I testify in support of this bill. As a homesteader beneficiary of the ACT 1920 instituted by Prince Kuhio I feel the State of Hawaii has unjustifiably denied the rightful purpose of the created state entity Department of Hawaiian Home Lands by denied monies owed to the administration and beneficiaries. Our Trust monies has been used to pay the salaries of State of Hawaii employees, while other state employees have been paid with state taxes. Wrong. Please pay in full to DHHL so they in turn can do what they should be doing with our Trust monies, infrastructural and homes to exhaust the 28,000 Hawaiians on the Waiting List of DHHL. Mahalo for the time you all put into helping us. Olinda Aiwohi, President, Paukukalo Hawaiian Homes Community Association

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# Waimānalo Hawaiian Homes Association

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Monday, February 8, 2016

## TESTIMONY IN **STRONG SUPPORT** OF

SENATE BILL 3029

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

Aloha e Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair English and members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

Please accept this written testimony in **strong support** of Senate Bill 3029 relating to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). This SB 3029 ensures that the State of Hawai‘i fulfill its responsibilities under Article XII, Section 1 of the Hawai‘i State Constitution by appropriating sufficient general funds for the administration and operating expenses of DHHL for fiscal year 2016-2017. This has been the outcome of *Nelson v. Hawaiian Homes Commission*, Civil No. 07-1-1663-083.

A lack of funding to DHHL adversely impacts both the State’s and DHHL’s kuleana to Beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, as amended. Therefore, we urge the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs to pass SB 3029, appropriating \$28 million in general funds to DHHL.

Furthermore, we strongly support that adequate general funds be equivalent to or amended to meet the increasing needs of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to effectively provide housing for Beneficiaries.

Mahalo for allowing us to submit this written testimony.

Kamakana Aquino, President  
Waimānalo Hawaiian Homes Association



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Patrick L. Kahawaiolaa	Keaukaha Community Association	Support	No

Comments: Aloha committee members, I am Patrick I kahawaiolaa a native Hawaiian as defined under the HHCA and the current president of the Keaukaha Community Association the second homestead which is celebrating 91 years of existence (12/16/1924) We are supporting SB 3029 and believe all of you would do the same based on that is your constitutional mandate to do the same. One very pertinent measure that makes it so is the Compact and the Admissions Act of 1959 in which a proviso of Statehood was the acceptance of the HHCA in its entirety with the duties being solely to manage and dispose of lands having the status of Hawaiian Homes lands CONSISTENT with the provisions of HHCA. I know when the pono thing to do will be done by our elected officials thanking all of you in advance. 'Owau me ka ha'aha'a (I humbly remain) Patrick L. Kahawaiolaa, President Kca

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February 9, 2016

**Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs**

**RE: SENATE BILL 3029, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.**

**Ensures the legislature fulfills its responsibility under article XII, section 1, of the state constitution by appropriating sufficient general funds for the administration and operating expenses of the department of Hawaiian home lands for fiscal year 2016–2017.**

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro and Vice Chair English;

I am the President of Kalama'ula Mauka Homestead Association and represent the *kupuna, aumakua, and beneficiaries* of the Hawaiian Home Lands Act of 1920 from the island of Molokai, Aina Ho'opulapula. We represent one of eight homestead associations on the island and part of Senate District Seven which Vice Chair English represents.

We humbly ask for your support and commitment to approve SB 3029 as it would benefit the native Hawaiian communities throughout the State.

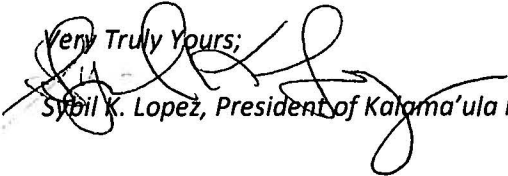
It is your *kuleana*.....to uphold your fiduciary duty and constitutional oath under Article XII, Section 1 of the Hawaii State Constitution:

*"....The legislature shall make sufficient sums available for the following purposes: (1) development of home, agriculture, farm and ranch lots; (2) home, agriculture, aquaculture, farm and ranch loans (3) rehabilitation projects to include, but not limited to, educational, economic, political, social and cultural processes by which the general welfare and conditions of native Hawaiians are thereby improved; (4) the administrative and operating budget of the department of Hawaiian home lands; in furtherance of (1), (2), (3), and (4) herein, by appropriating the same in the manner provided by law."*

We want to take this opportunity to MAHALO you in advance for your endorsement of HB 1932 and HB 1931. Your KOKUA will greatly impact and benefit all of our native Hawaiian communities throughout the State of Hawaii.

**IMUA!!**

Very Truly Yours;

  
Sybil K. Lopez, President of Kalama'ula Mauka Homestead Association

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bill Brown	Pana'ewa Hawaiian Home Lands Community Association	Support	No

Comments: For too long has the state ignored a constitutional mandated rule, let's hope that the usual practices will not be the prevailing detriment to native Hawaiians on the Homestead(s) by this 2016 legislation session. Bill Brown President of Pana'ewa Hawaiian Home Lands Community Association - PHHLCA

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diane Kanealii	Kailapa Community Association	Support	No

Comments: We urge you to pass and comply with the constitutional mandate to fund the DHHL was ratified by the voters in 1978 Hawai'i became a state ONLY because it pledged under a compact with the U.S. to "faithfully administer" the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act; You all took an oath of office to "support and defend" the constitution as a precondition of taking office. The Legislature has NEVER appropriated "sufficient" funding to cover the administrative and operating budget. As a result, there are over 27,700 applicants on the waiting list, 37 years after the mandate was ratified by the voters of the State. This is the criminal and we ask that you take the step forward and approve the fund request for DHHL. Stop crippling DHHL so they can get people off the waitlist and on to the land that was promised to them when Hawaii became a State. Do what is RIGHT now. We expect you to comply with the law that you swore to uphold. Support the full request for funding.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Doreen Gaspar	Kapaakea Hawaiian Homestead assn	Support	No

Comments:

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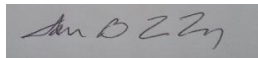
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Aloha Chair Tokuda and Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in **STRONG support of SB3029.**

The Federally enacted Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920 (HHCA) was integrated into the Hawaii State Constitution as a condition for Statehood. In 1978, the Hawaii State Constitution was amended, Article XII Section I, to remove any ambiguity and clearly requires sufficient funding be provided to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) by the legislature.

Mahlao nui loa,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Ian B. Lee Loy".

Ian B. Lee Loy

Hawaiian Homes lessee

Director, Moku O Keawe Homestead Alliance

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Agnes Marti Kini	KAFarmers Hui	Support	No

Comments: As a DHHL Farming Organization and also as a Lease Holder, it is essential that the DHHL get the funding that is due to them to help our Hawaiian organizations and families continue to benefit from our well deserved legacy and to continue to raise our ohana on the aina that they call home...Hawaii Nei! Mahalo for your Support!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
De MONT R. D. CONNER	Ho'omana Pono, LLC.	Support	Yes

Comments: We FULLY SUPPORT this bill, as it is clearly a Fiduciary duty of the State of Hawaii to do so. It is a CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION that the State of Hawaii AGREED to do as a prerequisite to becoming a State within the United States. Governor Ige said he is for following the law, here's a chance for his words to be put into action.

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## Auamo I Na Alaka'i (AINA)

"AINA supports all Hawaiian Homestead community organizations in Hawai'i by strengthening their capacity building and discovering opportunities towards self governance through education, training and exploration."

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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF  
SENATE BILL 3029  
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 10, 2016  
TIME: 1:15 PM  
PLACE: Conference Room 016  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

State Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Madam Chair and State Senator Kalani English, Vice Chair, Aloha!

Please accept this written testimony in *strong support* of Senate Bill 3029 relating to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) which ensures the State of Hawaii legislature consisting of both Senate and House of Representatives fulfill its responsibilities under Article XII, Section 1 of the State Constitution by appropriating sufficient general funds. As recorded in the First Circuit Court of the State of Hawaii issued its Findings of Facts, Conclusion of Law and Order in *Nelson v Hawaiian Homes Commission*, Civil No. 07-1-1663-083.

We urge the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs passes SB 3029 and support and include the sum of \$28,478,966.00 in general funds for the fiscal year 2016-2017 *and* furthermore, support adequate general funds be equivalent to or amended to meet the increase needs of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands administration and operating budget requirements.

Auamo I Na Alaka'i (AINA) a State non-profit organization is committed to serving and providing assistances to Hawaiian home lands community associations, their leadership in strengthening their capacity building through education, training and exploration towards self-governance.

Mahalo for allow us to submit this written testimony on behalf of the AINA Board.

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To: SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
For hearing Wednesday, February 10, 2016

SB 3029 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.  
Ensures the legislature fulfills its responsibility under article XII, section 1, of the state constitution by appropriating sufficient general funds for the administration and operating expenses of the department of Hawaiian home lands for fiscal year 2016-2017.

#### TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION

1. The Attorney General of the State of Hawaii has stated that he is filing an appeal of the Circuit Court order that the legislature must appropriate "more than \$28 million for fiscal year 2015-16" in general funds for the department of Hawaiian Home Lands' administrative and operating budget. There are serious questions which must be litigated, regarding whether it is a violation of the separation of powers for a judge to order the legislature to pass such a bill. The legislature has a fiduciary obligation to the taxpayers to protect the public fisc against

unreasonable or illegal demands. The legislature should wait for the legal process to conclude, and not act rashly or prematurely.

2. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs has \$650 Million in assets, including \$350 Million in its investment portfolio. All that wealth is supposed to be used for "the betterment of native Hawaiians as defined in the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920." OHA should pay in full however much money is owed to DHHL, both arrears and in future. If OHA will not do what is pono on its own initiative, then the legislature should pass a bill transferring the funds from OHA to DHHL. The legislature often "raids" trust funds such as the Hurricane Fund or the Highway Fund to balance the budget. OHA is an agency of the State government and therefore falls under the budget and appropriation authority of the legislature.

SB3029 – Regarding Funding for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands

Writing in SUPPORT of SB 3029

Summer Faria

808-387-1098

Aloha Legislators,

Though I am not a Native Hawaiian, my keiki are and I've raised them to be mindful of their culture and practice as much as possible different Native Hawaiian cultural events.

The land is closely tied to the people of Hawai'i, and the rest of the world is beginning to realize that if we do not take care of the land, as the Native Hawaiians did as their sibling, we will have a hard time surviving in the world.

Please vote YES and SUPPORT funding of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Mahalo,

Summer Faria

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Doug Phillips	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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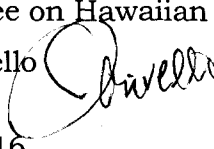


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February 8, 2016

TO: Honorable Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Chair  
Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

FROM: Stacy Helm Crivello   
Councilmember

DATE: February 10, 2016

SUBJECT: **SB 3029, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME  
LANDS**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to ensure the legislature fulfills its responsibility under Article XII, Section 1, of the State Constitution by appropriating sufficient general funds for the administration and operating expenses of the Department of Hawaiian Homes Lands for fiscal year 2016-2017.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. The Hawaiian Homes Commission Act was established for the welfare of native Hawaiians; to establish a permanent land base for the beneficial use of native Hawaiians; to provide native Hawaiians with lands upon which to develop homes, agriculture, farms and ranches; and for the betterment of the conditions of native Hawaiians.
2. The intent of the delegates of the 1978 constitutional convention was to require that the legislature appropriate and fund the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for its operating expenses so that monies generated from the general leasing of Hawaiian home lands would not have to be used for operating expenses.
3. The Court of the First Circuit has found that the State of Hawaii has violated its constitutional duty in failing to sufficient general funds to DHHL for its administrative and operating budget, declaring that the legislature is constitutionally obligated to appropriate more than \$28 million for fiscal year 2015-2016.

For the foregoing reasons, I support this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Doreen N. Canto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I understand the ruling by the First Circuit Court in 2015, but above all else, I understand Article XII, Section 1 of the Hawaii State Constitution. Mahalo for allowing me to comment. More importantly, I am stand firm in my support of SB3029.

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Derek Kimura	Individual	Support	No

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Dean Oshiro	Individual	Support	No

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Senator Maile Shimabukuro Chair  
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
BILL NO. SB 3029  
Wednesday, February 10, 2016  
1:15 p.m. Conference Room 016 State Capitol

Aloha, my name is Stephanie Kapuamaeole Kalama Lauifi. I am a fourth generation homesteader in Kalamaula, Molokai. My great grandfather was Henry A. Wise who was one of the original homesteaders. My great grand Uncle was Senator John Wise who went with Prince Kuhio to the US Congress and worked hard to get the HHC Act passed.

Today I represent myself and my family as homesteaders. We are in support of this bill.

If you read the book written by Davianna McGregor, Aina Ho'opulapula: Hawaiian Homesteading, you will come to find out that this movement had started back in 1914 and how much work and compromise they had to do with the Big Five and the US Congress. Prince Kuhio wanted anyone with Hawaiian blood to have land and a term of 999 years, in his first version of the bill. In the second version, the US wanted 100% Hawaiian ancestry. In the third version, Kuhio came back with 1/32<sup>nd</sup> Hawaiian ancestry. The final version that was passed on July 9, 1921 and signed into law stating a one-half or 50% blood quantum as a qualification for a lot and a 99-year lease.

The original homesteaders received lands that were dry and barren, with no water. The original homesteaders persevered and self-sustained themselves and were so successful that after the trial period of 5 years, the HHCA was then extended. Today, I have mango trees that are older than me and are still bearing fruit.

So, this year we are going to celebrate our 95<sup>th</sup> year and we will be facing an uncertain future. We need to make sure that our families and our next generations have something that can be passed down to them. We work our land just as our Kupuna did, teaching the young about the land and how to malama what we have.

Let's support what Prince Kuhio initially intended in this act, to have Hawaiians on the land. Again, I support SB 3029 for our future generations and funding DHHL makes sure that the Hawaiians that are on the wait list will be able to be awarded their lots and will be able to rehabilitate themselves as Prince Kuhio wanted.

Thank you

Stephanie K. Lauifi

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Faye Liko Wallace	Individual	Support	No

Comments: You are our voice, please speak on our behalf.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
carol lee kamekona	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Senate Bill 3029 to provide sufficient funding for the Administrative and Operational Costs of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands as stated and required in the Hawaii State Constitution Article XII Section I.

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Doreen Gaspar	Individual	Support	No

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Gene Ross K. Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Standing in Strong Support

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Velma Mariano	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I pray you will do what is right ... we are in need of help in this matter.  
Fund DHHL NOW!

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As lessee's in Kaumana Hawaiian Homes Community Association on Hawai'i Island, we stand in support of SB3029.

For too many years now, the Department of Hawaiian Homes lands (DHHL) has not been fully staffed and able to fulfill their duties to assist and manage the lands and the homesteaders here on Hawai'i Island as well as throughout the islands.

Please fulfill your responsibility under Article XII, Section 1, of the State Constitution....by appropriating sufficient general funds for the Administration and operating expenses of the Department of Hawaiian Homes Lands.

Mahalo nui loa,

Jacqueline L Rossetti  
Kaumana Hawaiian Homes Community Association, Secretary  
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Hilo, Hawaii 96720

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Kainea Aiwohi	Individual	Support	No

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## Testimony in Support

Date: February 10, 2016

Time: 1:15 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 16

To: Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Senator: Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair

Senator: J. Kalani English, Vice Chair

Re: Testimony in Support of SB 3029

Relating to Department of Hawaiian Home Lands;

Administrative and Operating Expenses; Appropriation

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro and Vice Chair English:

My name is Homelani Schaedel, a beneficiary of the Hawaiian Home Commission Act. I am blessed to live on homestead lands in Kapolei.

"I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, and that I will faithfully discharge my duties.....to the best of my ability".

This is the oath each member of both houses repeat on Opening day of the Legislature.

The Constitution of the United States is the central instrument of American government and the supreme law of the land, and so to, is the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

This bill acknowledges that the Legislature has failed to uphold the Hawaii State Constitution, Article 16 Section 7, Article 12 Sections 1 and 2, and Section 101 of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, as amended in 1920 for decades, which prompted plaintiffs in the Nelson case to file suit against the State and the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

I find it ironic that legislators are often referred to as "lawmakers", that the bills passed by the Legislature becomes law; and that the Legislature expects the Judicial arm of our government to implement and/or enforce these laws.

Yet, when the Judicial arm of our state government holds the Legislature responsible and accountable to the Constitution of our state, the Legislature deems it appropriate to assert its' powers to circumvent the law.

The leadership in both houses unilaterally determined the Judiciary arm of our government overstepped its authority and directed the Attorney General to file a motion to appeal the courts' decision on the Nelson case, **and** decided to secure the services of outside counsel without consulting with its members within the required timeframe, thereby violating their own rules.

Language in the Constitution of the State of Hawaii Article 12 Section 1 is concise and clear, **"The Legislature shall make sufficient sums available for (4) the administration and operating budget of the department of Hawaiian home lands"**.

Why must the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands on behalf of its' beneficiaries have to beg for what is constitutionally and rightfully ours? **WHY? A'ole loa! A'ole pono!**

Those in both houses who continue to resist fulfilling the obligation of this legislature and the people of this state to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and its' beneficiaries need to go outside of this building and read the inscription on the State's seal. Instead of perpetuating righteousness, they perpetuate indifference and immorality!

It is blatantly clear that we Hawaiians have few supporters in this legislature, and the indignation we feel is justified! The legislatures' political dissidence continues to plague our people. Legislators who feel the passivity of our people supports their impropriety and disregard of the law, have not faithfully discharged their duty to the beneficiaries of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

While I don't understand why another law must be enacted "to ensure the legislature fulfills its responsibility"... to an existing law? I appreciate that the introducers of this bill and its' companion in the house faced challenges from their colleagues to uphold the oath they swore by introducing this bill.

I strongly support language in the bill to include the Legislature appropriate the amount ordered by the court for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands 2015-16 budget from general funds and dropping their appeal. In its' current version, I support this bill with reservations.

Mahalo for the opportunity to present my testimony.

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Vince Kana`i Dodge	Individual	Support	No

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Rosie F Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, Please fund DHHL, it's time to acknowledge the wait list. If the State would have kept its legal obligation, we would not have this problem. Legislators, do right by the people, change history, be part of the change. Mahalo

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Rachel L. Kailianu	Individual	Support	Yes

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Kilia Purdy-Avelino	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is your sworn duty to represent this State and its people. It is said in the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, in Article XII, Section 1: "The legislature shall make sufficient sums available for the following purposes: (1) development of home, agriculture, farm and ranch lots; (2) home, agriculture, aquaculture, farm and ranch loans; (3) rehabilitation projects to include, but not limited to, educational, economic, political, social and cultural processes by which the general welfare and conditions of native Hawaiians are thereby improved; (4) the administration and operating budget of the department of Hawaiian home lands" Therefore, it is your duty to uphold the Constitution and its laws. Support this bill and release the funds owed to our beneficiaries in order to fulfill the mission of Kuhio and the Hawaiian Homes Act of 1920. Be sure that each year the DHHL gets sufficient funding to carry out the above mentioned duties. It is your duty; it is our right!! Mahalo, Kilia Purdy-Avelino  
Ho'olehua, Molokai Homesteader Ahupua'a o Molokai President

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Puni Kekuoha	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Honorable Chair Maile Shimabukuro and committee members of the Hawaiian Affairs Committee Subject: Supporting testimony to SB 3029 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS. Aloha, My name is Bridget Kahelekaapuni Kekuoha, also known as Puni Kekuoha. I am a Hawaiian homestead lessee from the Hawaiian Homestead region of Papakolea, Oahu. I reside at 745 laukea Street. I share our homestead lease with my father Wilfred Kahaleiliko Kekuoha and my mother Brenda Lou K Kekuoha. My testimony this afternoon is being submitted on behalf of my family who reside in Papakolea. They include myself, my parents, my brothers and their families, my daughter Kakaapuni Kekuoha, her fiancé Jeremiah Ioane Kama and 2 moopuna, Aliiula Kekuoha-Lono Kama and Nalia Kekuoha-Kama. Our ohana as native Hawaiian beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1921, as amended firmly and fully supports SB 3029, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS. In such we the Kekuoha Ohana fully and firmly support the Hawaii State Supreme Court ruling made in November 2015 by Judge Castagnetti in the Nelson vs. HHC case, as fully articulated. We seek your favorable support to appropriate \$28m from the State's General Fund to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands in order to meet its administrative and operational needs for 2016-2017. I was born and raised in Papakolea. I've dedicated the past 25 years to the Papakolea community in numerous capacities. I served as an officer of the Papakolea Community Association for 17 years, 10 of which I was president of the board. I worked as the Executive Director of the Papakolea Community Development Corporation from 1999-2013. Today, I serve our community as a director of the Kewalo Hawaiian Homes Community Association. I share this with you to say, as a Hawaiian homestead beneficiary, and community leader, it has been a privilege to represent our homestead in order to defend, preserve and protect the HHCA, 1921. I've also had the honor to advocate on behalf of our community and work with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to address the many concerns and issues facing our people. I believe it is the combined desire of our people that the legislature of Hawaii fulfill your kuleana to sufficiently fund DHHL's A&O needs as articulated in the Hawaii State Constitution not just this year but year thereafter. As leaders we are resolved to correct the wrongful history of DHHL use of trust monies, the beneficiaries monies to fund the A&O of DHHL. All state departments other than the DHHL, receive A&O

funds from the General Fund. In closing, our ohana respectfully asks you to support SB 3029 and set historical precedence by ensuring the DHHL receive sufficient funding from this year and moving forward. Please do what is pono. E manama pono, Ms. Puni Kekauoha

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Lemonie Kolowena	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a beneficiary in support of this bill!! I believe this will allow the Department of Hawaiian Homelands to continue to provide assistance for the native Hawaiians on the wait list.

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Submitted on: 2/10/2016

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathleen Pua Chin	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I am in favor of SB3029 to fund the DHHL. I request your support to fully fund the Department so that it may better fulfill its mission under the HH Act. Providing the Department sufficient funding will allow the trust monies to be used to put more native Hawaiians on the trust lands and avoid having to use those funds for administrative and operating costs.

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Michelle Brown	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted on: 2/9/2016

Testimony for HWN on Feb 10, 2016 13:15PM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Makanalani Gomes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Mai Kakou, My name is Makanalani Gomes, I am Kanaka Maoli and I stand in strong support of SB 3029 and HB 1932, Relating to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. I believe the State should be held accountable to up hold the ruling of Nelson v. Hawaiian Homes Comm'n, Civil No. 07-1-1663-08. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

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Leimomi Khan	Individual	Support	No

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malcolm mackey	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marion K A Kapuniai	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The facts are clear. Agencies have violated the law. The peoples' rights have been infringed upon. The current related appeal, though a part of the judicial system, is frivolous. I believe this bill is necessary and provides the opportunity for demonstrated accountability.

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**SB3029**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Natasha Boteilho	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha I am asking for your support and passage of SB 3029. We need all the financial funding to support DHHL and its recipients to be able assist with housing, scholarships and programs that benefit hawaiian families. Mahalo

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Submitted on: 2/6/2016

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Madeline C Neely	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in strong support of SB3029, funding of the DHHL and its companion bill, HB1932.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wallace A. Ishibashi Jr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, As the DHHL East Hawaii Commissioner, I represent all beneficiaries from South Point Kau, to Honouliuli. I stand in full support of this Bill to fund DHHL. We are protected by the State Constitution to be funded. We are land rich but money poor. To be able to reduce the beneficiaries on the waiting list we are in need to be funded fully to accomplish this task. I ask for your positive support of this Bill Mahalo nui loa

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pearl Muhlestein	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: 1)The Hawaiian Home Lands Act provides for the rehabilitation of the native Hawaiian people through a government-sponsored homesteading program. Many beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust, including my 82 year old father, are currently waiting for a homestead lease or have died on the HHL wait list. It is time to put native Hawaiian priorities back into the Hawaiian Home Lands Act and eliminate political differences. 2)For many years, Hawaii's public and government unfairly criticized the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for not fulfilling the purpose of the act. 3)For many years, the State of Hawaii failed to appropriate enough general funds to pay for the Department of Hawaiian Home Land's administrative and operating costs. 4)For many years, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands relied on its trust funds to cover administrative and operating costs thus impacting its ability to effectively fulfill the purposes of the Hawaiian Home Lands Act. 5)On November 27, 2015 in the Richard Nelson III, et al., vs. Hawaiian Home Commission, et al, Civil No. 07-1-1663-08, Hon. Jeannette H. Castagnetti in her Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order....finds that DHHL "suffers from a lack of funding and staffing, which adversely affects beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust" and declared that the "State must fulfill its constitutional duty by appropriating sufficient general funds to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for its administrative and operating budget..". SB 3029 is the vehicle of this committee to meet its funding constitutional obligation as required by Article XII, Section 1 of the Hawaii State Constitution. I strongly urge this committee to pass SB 3029 with an appropriation of \$28 million of general funds to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands so that Department of Hawaiian Home Lands can effectively fulfill the purposes of the Hawaiian Home Lands Act.

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My name is Paula Aila and I am submitting testimony in support of SB3029 for the State to provide sufficient funds of more than \$28 million to the DHHL.

I was raised in the Waimanalo homestead and will be a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation homesteader when I accept a lease from the DHHL

On January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Governor Ige spoke of truthfulness in his State of the State address relating to the SuperFerry. He said,

**“TRUTHFULNESS**

It begins with being truthful. We, in government, are obligated to be truthful, even when the truth is not easy or popular. When we live without truth, our actions fail to pass the test of time. Moreover, we tend to repeat our mistakes because we have not learned from them.

A few years ago, we saw the demise of the SuperFerry. Its failure has been attributed to environmental objections and a hostile court. But that is not exactly what happened. *The fact is the state failed to follow the law.* When we tried a legal end run, it also failed. The point is the state should have followed the law and done the right thing in the first place.”

This same statement about truth resonates in the Nelson case. No doubt, living up to the truth and conducting one’s self to be truthful is a tall order. But, when the Governor and the Legislators took an oath to uphold the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, the order got taller.

The Nelson case is an example of the State’s failure to follow the law over and over again since 1959 and became the compelling reason for beneficiaries to sue the state. Not only has the state not followed the law but repeats history by trying a legal end run by asking Judge Castagnetti to reconsider her November 2015 decision. The state’s position regarding jurisdiction is an after fact in that jurisdiction would not even be a discussion had the state fulfilled their constitutional obligation to sufficiently fund the DHHL. The state has wasted a lot of time and tax payer dollars on this case when in fact they should have been truthful from 1959 as a compact of statehood to fully and sufficiently fund the DHHL.

So, I agree with the Governor in that like the SuperFerry, “the state should have followed the law and done the right thing in the first place.” So, I say to the Governor and all the Legislators to live up to their oath of office and fund the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands more than \$28 million NOW! You can be truthful and appropriate the funds today. Do not repeat your mistakes.

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Aloha Chairman Senator Maile Shimabukuro,

I am writing in support of SB3029.

I fully support this bill which will give the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands the money needed to operate efficiently. The courts have ruled in favor of The Dickie Nelson case by mandating the State of Hawaii to pay monies, in this case the courts are saying \$28 million to Dhhl for operational and administrative costs. It is fair to say the Dhhl has not been able to fulfill their appointed duty to the native Hawaiian people or to its Trust. The Dhhl has for decades been operating without money from the state and has had to use our Trust money to pay salaries of state employees and civil service workers. In reality we the native Hawaiian community has paid their salaries with the Trust. This Trust money should have been used to provide for the betterment of the native Hawaiians by building homes which would be affordable for native Hawaiians, infrastructure, etc. The over 24,000 native Hawaiians are on the waiting list and dying while waiting patiently for a piece of land to build a little home to live. If the millions of dollars from the trust had been used to provide infrastructure and build homes instead of paying salaries, office expenses, and other administrative cost the Waiting List would probably be non existent except for the younger native Hawaiians who would be applying. But, today we still have our people waiting except for people like my Aunts who have since passed away, along with my grandmother. Sad, sad, sad!

I along with my 7 children, 6 siblings, 20 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, numerous cousins, nephews, nieces and my husbands ohana most who are 50% Hawaiian and about half of those of age whose names are on the Waiting List humbly ask that you support this SB3029.

Mahalo,  
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Walter Ritte	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Walter Ritte on SB 3029. I am in strong support of this bill. A constitutional mandated and Judicial supported issues being turned down legislatively can be interpreted as an anti-Hawaiian position. There is no doubt that the funds are needed as many Hawaiians are dying on the "waiting list".

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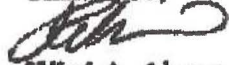
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As the President of the Keaukaha Panaewa Farmers Association, Executive board and Directors and Association members alike, we do **SUPPORT**; HB-1932 and SB-3029 to sufficiently fund the Department of Hawaiian Homelands Administration and Operations for the year 2016/2017 as per the recent Court ruling and order delivered by Judge Jeannette H. Castagnetti of the first Circuit Court in the State of Hawaii. We invite you to do accordingly. We invite you to allow the beneficiaries of this program continue to be the stewards to a more efficient operation which we well monitor and hold accountable in continuing our contribution to all who lives here in the islands .

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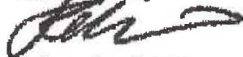
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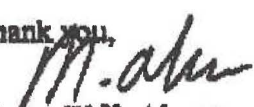
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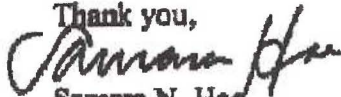
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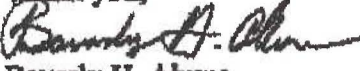
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