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Lilia Kapuniai	Papakolea Community Development Corporation	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Shimabukuro and Vice Chair English, PPapakolea Community Development Corporation (PCDC) submits testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB3029. PCDC supports the decision of the Supreme Court of Hawaii in the "Nelson v. Hawaiian Homes Commission" suit, to sufficiently fund the administrative and operational expenses of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). Sufficient funding of DHHL is critical to the delivery of services and programs to all the beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1921. PCDC is a 501(c)3 nonprofit beneficiary-serving organization that promotes economic development in the Hawaiian homestead community of Papakolea. PCDC wholly administers and operates the Papakolea Community Park and Center for residents of Papakolea and neighboring communities. Papakolea is the second oldest homestead – established in the 1934. There are 435 households, representing 1,800 Native Hawaiians living in our community. In partnership with DHHL, we are able to serve the beneficiaries of Papakolea. Without sufficient funding, it will be increasingly challenging to meet the severe housing and economic needs of our people. Thank you for allowing PCDC the opportunity to submit testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB3029. E malama pono, Lilia Kapuniai Executive Direcctor

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Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: Aloha kakou, I SUPPORT SUPPORT SUPPORT and request PASSAGE of 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. I believe you Hawaiian Affairs Committee Senators are well aware of the circumstances that brought about this Bill. As you know, there were many years of low funding and a few years of zero (\$0) funding to DHHL. It's sad that the Legislature failed to sufficiently fund DHHL which caused the beneficiaries to file a legal case (Nelson) that caused the judiciary to now require a MINIMUM of \$28 million for operational expenditures. LET'S BE DONE WITH LEGAL CASES AND JUST DO THE RIGHT THING. Mahalo nui loa for allowing me to share my mana'o SUPPORTING PASSAGE OF SB 3029. Me ka ha'aha'a, Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai Wai'anae Community Resident

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Leif k Mokuahi Jr	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a fourth generation homesteader of Papakolea. Since my great grand fathers days we have waited for Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) to conduct their Fiduciary responsibility to the aboriginal blooded people of Hawaii. Little efforts have been made because trust money has been used for administrative cost. According to Article XII, Section 1 of the Hawaii State Constitution, it is the States responsibility to appropriate funds to the DHHL, for their administrative needs, so they can utilize trust funds for the betterment of the Hawaiian Race. I stand in strong support of SB3029. Thank you for allowing me to comment

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