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SCR26

**APPROVING THE SALE OF THE LEASED FEE INTEREST IN 94-946 MEHEULA PARKWAY, NO.
363, MILILANI, HAWAII**

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

March 30, 2017

1:30 p.m.

Conference Room 211

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) offers the following **COMMENTS** on SCR26, which approves the sale of the leased fee interest in an apartment in the Nahoa Apartments affordable housing condominium complex. **This parcel does not appear to be “ceded” land and OHA does not oppose the sale of this parcel.**

SCR26 was offered for consideration by the Legislature in accordance with Act 176, Session Laws of Hawai‘i (SLH) 2009, and Act 169, SLH 2011, as amended. Act 176 requires a two-thirds majority approval by both houses of the Legislature before any specific lands controlled by the state can be sold. In addition, state departments must prepare and submit legislative resolutions containing detailed information regarding their anticipated land transactions, and share these resolutions with OHA at least three months prior to the opening of the legislative session. See HRS §§ 171-64.7(c). This three months’ detailed notice provides OHA with sufficient time to ensure that the contemplated sale is fair, equitable, and in the best interests of the state.

The language of SCR26 was provided to OHA in compliance with the three month notice requirement for the proposed disposition of public lands. This allowed OHA to independently confirm that the parcel being proposed for sale is not comprised of “ceded” lands.

Accordingly, OHA does not oppose the proposed sale in SCR26. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.