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TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM J. AILA, JR, CHAIRMAN HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS HEARING ON MARCH 23, 2021 AT 1:00PM VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

SCR 185/SR 150 RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT OF 1920, AS AMENDED

March 23, 2021

Aloha Chair Shimabukuro, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) submits testimony in strong support of these resolutions recognizing the Centennial Celebration of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, as amended (HHCA). The Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC) adopted Resolution No. 303 recognizing the Centennial Celebration of the HHCA at the Commission meeting in March last year. Resolution No. 303 provides the legislative history of the HHCA signed on July 9, 1921 and noted that Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole (Prince Kūhiō) as a delegate to the United States Congress, was not a voting member of that body. Resolution No. 303 recognized the Centennial Celebration of the HHCA to commence on July 9, 2021 thru June 8, 2022.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.