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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER & LAND
HEARING ON APRIL 6, 2021 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

SCR 30, SD1, REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COUNTY OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY, TO PROVIDE A PROGRESS REPORT REGARDING THE DEVLEOPMENT OF THE KA'U WATER SYSTEM

April 6, 2021

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Branco, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) submits comments on this resolution requesting DHHL, in conjunction with the County of Hawaii Department of Water Supply to provide a progress report regarding the development of the Kau water system. DHHL appreciates the motivation behind this resolution and can provide any information requested as it becomes available.

The current update on the status of the project is as follows:

- Construction Bids in May 2020 with a construction cost of $2.7 million funded by State Legislative CIP for Phase 1: Construction of a 100,000 gallon water storage tank and appurtenances. County of Hawaii to maintain and operate water tank.
- Phase 1A will provide for design and construction of four pressure reducing valve stations. DHHL estimates repair and replacement work will amount to approximately $500,000. DHHL estimates to bid this project in Summer 2021.
- Phase 2 to include designs to relocate existing waterline from within lots, to South Point Road right-of-way; install new water meters; provide fire protection; subdivide 25 pastoral lots at an estimated cost of subdivision and construction of $15 million. DHHL's sufficient sums request to the Legislature included $5 million for the Kau Water System for design and construction.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.