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Testimony in SUPPORT of HB2434 RELATING TO ACCESS TO VITAL RECORDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

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- **1 Fiscal Implications:** N/A.
- 2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) strongly supports HB2434, which
- 3 is part of the Govenor's Administrative Package.
- 4 This measure will greatly reduce the administrative burden for staff from the Department of
- 5 Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) for genealogical research to establish eligibility for certain
- 6 programs, such as Hawaiian Home Lands homestead leases.
- 7 DOH and DHHL continue to meet to refine and calibrate the workflow, and will executive a
- 8 Memorandum of Agreement shortly.
- 9 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.