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TESTIMONY OF IKAIKA ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN-DESIGNATE
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
HEARING ON MARCH 14, 2023 AT 2:00PM IN CR 325

SB 490, SD 2, RELATING TO COMPLIANCE ON HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

March 14, 2023

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

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) supports SB 490, SD2 and provides comments for this measure which appropriates funds to the Department of Law Enforcement to hire law enforcement officers dedicated to investigating complaints, conducting investigations, and cooperating with enforcement authorities to ensure compliance with state laws and rules, county ordinances, including the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended and the rules adopted thereunder, on Hawaiian Home Lands; provided that the law enforcement officers hired for this purpose shall not be prohibited from exercising their law enforcement authority outside of the Hawaiian Home Lands.

DHHL prefers the language in SB 490. DHHL considers the health and safety of homestead communities to be a top priority. Illegal activity occurring on Hawaiian Home Lands threatens the health and safety of the community. Responses to these issues by law enforcement, however, are inconsistent across the different counties. DHHL supports better coordination between state and county law enforcement, and sufficient enforcement personnel dedicated to Hawaiian Home Lands.

Thank you for consideration of our testimony.

SB-490-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/10/2023 10:49:43 AM

Testimony for JHA on 3/14/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Regina Gregory	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

More police is not desirable.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2023 12:43:55 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/14/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Thomas Haia	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

As a grateful beneficiary of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, I have resided on a homestead property for 28 years. Over the years it has become clear that law enforcement visibility is nil in our neighborhood. On any given day, I observe three or four police vehicles patrolling the non-homestead neighborhood directly across the highway, yet it is rare to find an officer patrolling our homestead neighborhood. Therefore, I wholeheartedly support this measure and look forward to the day when DHHL has law enforcement available to "serve and protect" our community. Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on this measure.

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Submitted on: 3/13/2023 1:36:01 PM

Testimony for JHA on 3/14/2023 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Marion K A Kapuniai	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SUPPORT ONLY UPON THE FOLLOWING ADDITION on Line 7 AND DELETION on Line 8 & 9:

SECTION 1.

Line 7, ADD "and" after rules, and before county

Line 8 & 9 DELETE , after ordinances, "*including the Hawaiian Homes Commission thereunder, Act, 1920, as amended, and the rules adopted*

Some of the Funding appropriated could and should be devoted to Neighborhood Watch Programs on Homestead Lands.

Complaints and investigations on Lease Compliance on Hawaiian Homes Lands shall not fall under the purview of the Department of Law Enforcement.

Lease Compliance issues shall be discussed, planned, and managed with Homestead Beneficiary Organizations and Beneficiary Lessees.

Thank you, M Kapuniai