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TESTIMONY BY LUIS P. SALAVERIA
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 3109

February 1, 2024
1:01 p.m.
Room 224 and Videoconference

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) supports this measure.

Senate Bill (S.B.) No. 3109: 1) sets a lapse date of June 30, 2024, for unexpended or unencumbered general funds authorized by Act 279, SLH 2022 (Act 279); and 2) appropriates an unspecified sum of general funds for FY 25 to continue the purposes of Act 279.

B&F supports S.B. No. 3109 that changes the extended lapse date of June 30, 2025, in Act 279 to June 30, 2024, to align the general fund appropriation in the Act with the constitutional time limit on appropriations set by Section 11 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

TAX FOUNDATION OF HAWAII

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SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS, Technical Correction to \$600 Million 2022 DHHL Appropriation

BILL NUMBER: SB 3109, HB 2420

INTRODUCED BY: SB by KOUCHI; HB by SAIKI (Governor's Package)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Gives practical effect to the intent of the Legislature that funds appropriated in Act 279, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2022, be available for expenditure until June 30, 2025.S

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Amends the appropriation of Act 279, SLH 2022, to conform its lapsing provision by 1 year, to conform to constitutional limitations. Appropriates moneys to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for fiscal year 2024-2025 to give practical effect to the legislative intent behind Act 279.

SYNOPSIS: Makes technical changes to Act 279, SLH 2022, to conform with the original intent that the \$600 million appropriated to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands not lapse until June 30, 2025.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 29, 2024.

STAFF COMMENTS: This is an Administration measure sponsored by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and designated HHL-06 (24).

The Foundation recognizes this bill as a technical fix to conform to the original intent of the bill without running afoul of limitations in the Hawaii Constitution.

Digested: 1/30/2024

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Submitted on: 1/29/2024 8:06:21 PM

Testimony for HWN on 2/1/2024 1:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
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Comments:

We **STRONGLY SUPPORT** this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/1/2024 8:29:56 AM

Testimony for HWN on 2/1/2024 1:01:00 PM

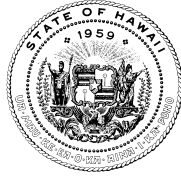
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Angela Melody Young	Testifying for CARES	Support	In Person

Comments:

CARES testifies in strong support.

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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS AND
THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS
HEARING ON FEBRUARY 1, 2024 AT 1:00PM IN CR 224

SB 2645, RELATING TO COMPLIANCE ON HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

February 1, 2024

Aloha Chairs Shimabukuro and Wakai, Vice Chairs Fevella and Elefante, and Members of the Committees:

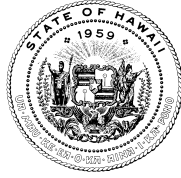
The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) supports this bill which would 1) establish a compliance and enforcement program within the DHHL to investigate complaints, conduct investigations, and cooperate with enforcement authorities to ensure compliance with laws, 2) appropriates moneys and 3) declares that the appropriation exceeds the state general fund expenditure ceiling for 2024-2025.

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 your consideration of our testimony.

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SB 3109, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

February 1, 2024

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

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) strongly supports this bill which gives practical effect to the intent of the Legislature that funds appropriated in Act 279, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, be available for expenditure until June 30, 2025.

The Hawaii State Office of the Attorney General confirmed that Act 279 authorization is until June 30, 2024. If funds will still need to be encumbered, the Act would lapse and reappropriate funds to June 30, 2025, in line with the legislative intent. SB 3109 accomplishes this objective. This bill was approved by the Hawaiian Homes Commission and included in the Governor's administrative package by request of our Department.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.