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TESTIMONY OF KALI WATSON, CHAIR
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
HEARING ON MARCH 18, 2025 AT 1:10PM IN CR 224

HB 1091, HD 1, RELATING TO SEWER TRANSMISSION LINES

March 17, 2025

Aloha Chair Richards, Vice Chair San Buenaventura and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) **strongly supports** this bill which requires a county to accept, within sixty days after receipt of a completed application for maintenance request, license or dedication of sewer transmission lines and related sewerage facilities servicing Hawaiian Home Lands that are brought into compliance by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

DHHL manages sewer transmission lines which are to be transferred to the various counties for long term management and maintenance. DHHL is in the process of ensuring that all sewer transmission lines serving Hawaiian Home Lands are in compliance or brought into compliance. SB1410 will help to ensure that these sewer transmission lines are transferred to the various counties in a timely manner. The cost savings for DHHL from not having to manage and maintain sewer transmission lines would allow for more lots to be developed for applicants on the DHHL waiting list and other maintenance needs for lessees who reside on Hawaiian Home Lands.

DHHL would like to ensure that compliance requirements for DHHL with the various counties for the purpose of transfer of the sewer transmission lines are cohesive. DHHL would like to confirm through HB1091 that compliance requirements outlined by the various counties are not subject to change without prior notice to DHHL and that the various counties are not permitted to change compliance requirements immediately after DHHL brings sewer transmission lines into previously agreed upon compliance requirements. This legislative proposal was approved by the Hawaiian Homes Commission and included in the Governor's Administrative Package.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony .