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TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM J. AILA, JR, CHAIRMAN
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
DECISION MAKING ON MARCH 17, 2020 AT 2:16PM IN CR 211

**HB 1402, SD1 – RELATING TO THE COMMUNITY-BASED ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

March 14, 2020

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) submits comments on this bill that establishes the micro enterprise assistance program on Hawaiian home lands revolving fund to provide grants and loans through the implementation of the micro enterprise assistance program to qualified native Hawaiians, native Hawaiian-controlled homestead associations, and homestead association community development corporations.

DHHL supports SB2265, SD2 as the more preferable version of the bill as long as it doesn't affect the priorities identified in the Governor's Supplemental Budget request. Given the title of this bill, this Committee may want to consider renaming the micro enterprise assistance program to the community-based economic development program.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

HB-1402-SD-1

Submitted on: 3/16/2020 10:42:05 AM

Testimony for WAM on 3/17/2020 2:16:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edith Kawai	Testifying for Waimea Hawaiian Civic Club	Support	No

Comments:

The Waimea Hawaiian Civic Club supports this measure with strong Kako`o to the points raised by Robin Danner and Kammy Purdy on behalf of SCHHA.