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LATE TESTIMONY

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TESTIMONY OF ALAPAKI NAHALE-A, CHAIRMAN
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BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON WATER, LAND & OCEANS RESOURCES AND
HOUSING
IN SUPPORT OF

HB 2528, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

February 15, 2012

Chair Chang, Chair Cabanilla and Members of the Committees:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands strongly supports HB 2528, which extends the sunset date of the peak-draw provision of Act 187 (2010) from June 30, 2012, to June 30, 2015. This bill is part of the Governor's administrative package by request of our department.

In 2010, the legislature passed this provision because it found existing procurement requirements unnecessarily delayed the delivery of affordable homes to Hawaiian Home Lands applicants. The law enables the department to act more like a private developer/contractor by allowing our staff to encumber construction contracts with the peak value of the proposed development, instead of having full capitalization funding on hand.

In the time since the passage of Act 187, the economic conditions in Hawaii, and the timing of our projects, did not provide the department an opportunity to implement the pilot program. However, the department anticipates needing this pilot program immediately and over the next three years to manage a number of upcoming projects.

The three-year sunset extension allows this administration to take full advantage of the peak-draw provision to create and deliver homestead opportunities to as many of our 42,000 applicants as possible.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this important measure.

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