



**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS**

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TESTIMONY OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
IN SUPPORT OF

HB 2288, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

February 26, 2014

Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Nishimoto, Vice-Chair Johanson, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) is in strong support of this bill which enables the department to dispose of improvements that it owns or controls, or space within these improvements, on Hawaiian home lands through direct negotiations. This bill is part of the Governor's administrative package by request of our department.

The department currently owns buildings and warehouses on our lands and as certain general leases expire the department will become the owner of even more of these improvements. The department has the authority to dispose of these improvements pursuant Chapter 102, Hawaii Revised Statutes, but it is currently not feasible to lease space for just a short term. The ability to dispose of these improvements, or space therein, through direct negotiations for a term less than five year would allow the department greater flexibility to generate revenue on its lands.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.