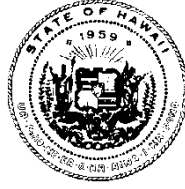


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Statement of  
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Before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING  
AND  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

January 30, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.  
State Capitol, Room 225

In consideration of  
**S.B. 834**

**RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY UNDER  
CHAPTER 201H, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES.**

Chairs Chang and Richards, Vice Chairs Hashimoto and San Buenaventura, and members of the Committees.

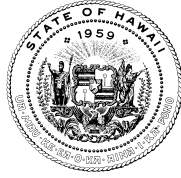
HHFDC **supports** SB 834, which exempts transfers of Hawaiian home lands from transfer restrictions for real property under Chapter 201H housing development programs.

Presently, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) projects using HHFDC programs are subject to transfer restrictions, such as buyback and shared appreciation restrictions. However, these restrictions may conflict with the objectives and requirements of DHHL programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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TESTIMONY OF KALI WATSON, CHAIR  
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON HOUSING AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
HEARING ON JANUARY 30, 2025 AT 1:00PM IN CR 225

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January 29, 2025

Aloha Chairs Chang and Richards, Vice Chairs Hashimoto and San Buenaventura, and  
Members of the Committees:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) **strongly supports** this bill  
which exempts transfers of Hawaiian Home Lands from transfer restrictions under  
Chapter 201H housing development programs.

Developers who contract with DHHL to build housing on Hawaiian Home Lands  
access programs under Chapter 201H. Housing on Hawaiian Home Lands is governed  
by the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920. This measure clarifies that transfers of  
Hawaiian Home Lands under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920 are exempt  
from Chapter 201H.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

**SB-834**

Submitted on: 1/29/2025 11:35:23 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/30/2025 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Marion K A Kapuniai	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill correctly does not apply to Transfers, nor Successorship designations of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920.

Thank you,

M Kapuniai

**SB-834**

Submitted on: 1/30/2025 8:13:14 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/30/2025 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
De MONT Kalai Manaole	Testifying for Hoomana Pono, LLC	Support	In Person

Comments:

We SUPPORT this bill as it exempts Hawaiian Home Lands. Mahalo.

**SB-834**

Submitted on: 1/30/2025 9:16:32 AM

Testimony for HWN on 1/30/2025 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Germaine Meyers	Individual	Comments	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Chair and members,

I'm a native Hawaiian beneficiary of the HHCA.

I'm submitting comments only because I don't understand the purpose of the amendment and insertion of DHHL into the Section.

- How will this insertion of DHHL into this Section affect HHC beneficiaries in negative and positive ways?
- Will this insertion provide access to funding for DHHL, its beneficiaries, its developers, or private for-profit companies?

Mahalo for explaining the purpose for this insertion of DHHL into this section.