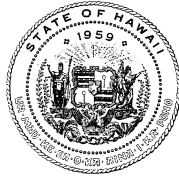


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TESTIMONY

TO: Suzanne D. Case, Chairperson
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FROM: Andrew H. Choy, Acting Planning Program Manager 
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SUBJECT: BLNR Agenda Item L.1.: Request Authorization for the Chairperson to amend the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Board of Land and Natural Resources, State of Hawaii, and the County of Maui regarding the Purchase of Water Allocation Credits from the Camp Maluhia Site No. 1 Well Development for State Projects, Maui, Hawaii

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) continues to be deeply engaged with the development of its lands at Pūlehunui, Maui, including lands that will be used for homesteading purposes. We have continued to coordinate and work closely with other state agencies, including the DLNR, on efforts to pursue development of lands in this area.

We request that as DHHL uses are one of four priority, Public Trust uses of water, the proposed amendment to the intergovernmental agreement and motion to amend the same stipulate that some of the water credits will be made available to DHHL. This has consistently been the case for water development pursued by DLNR over many years. We appreciate that reference to DHHL needs is mentioned at the very bottom of Exhibit B, but also note that while many worthy needs are listed, none of those other needs listed are Public Trust uses of water.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this matter. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Andrew H. Choy, Acting Planning Program Manager at (808) 620-9480 or by email at: andrew.h.choy@hawaii.gov.