

EXHIBIT F
OFFICIAL RECORD OF PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONIES

SUMMARY INFORMATIONd

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| • Number of Oral Testimonies received at the Virtual Public Hearing | 6 |
| • Number of Oral Testimonies received at the Hybrid Public Hearing | 1 |
| • Number of Written Testimonies received | <u>5</u> |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF TESTIMONIES | 12 |

1. Oral Testimony of Leialoha “Rocky” Kaluhiwa: Support

Aloha, mai kakou, Leialoha Rocky Kaluhiwa, moku o Kakuhihewa, moku ko’olaupoko, and I'm speaking in behalf of my ohana. And I'd like to first of all commend the chair and whoever made up this plan for the pilina and Julie, you gave a wonderful report. I mahalo you for that. And before I talk any further, I would like to say e kala mai if I offend anybody. But I'm just going to give you a short synopsis of our background, of our ohana.

My husband was on a waiting list for over 50 years. He's been gone now for nine years. He's 100% Hawaiian. My children is 75%. I'm 38% Hawaiian, and he was one of them that we put in our application years before, in the 60s, and they lost his application. And at one point, my sister came and said they're going to sue the Hawaiian Homelands and asked my husband to go in in the suit. And he said, No, that's not his idea. His idea is not to get money or any kind of suit for the Hawaiian Homelands. He's just waiting for the land.

He wanted land in our own area. We wanted ag lands, and was told that there are no more ag lands they are going to put out in our area, on the island of Oahu. We asked if there's any lands in our moku. No, there's not any lands in the moku or ahupuaa. There's no lands in Heeia. We later found out that there is lands in Heeia. My husband was a heavy equipment operator. Also we had we lived in Heeia over 50 years, over 60 years. My family is from Heeia, the Heeia ahupuaa. We've been in Heeia for several 100 years now. We do have connection. My great, great, great grandmother was high chiefess, Mokuo from the Heeia ahupuaa. My grandfather was also a konohiki.

But my husband was called years later after he put in an application to go to Waianae Kai. And this is what he said: I'm not an Indian, don't put me on a reservation. I have my farm over here. We had a four acre farm lot in Heeia and every time he got laid off, because development, you know, when you work in the operators union, if no development, you get laid off. So he subsided our living by our farming. He was also a lawaia-- caught fish. So fish farming, every time he got laid off, it's possible. I'm telling you this is because I think it's a good idea. I lately found out that you do have Hawaiian Homelands in the ahupuaa of Heeia. In fact you own half of Haiku valley which is in the ahupuaa of Heeia hat might be looked into. And then the Heeia ahupuaa also opened up a farm that said they're restoring 400 acres under NERRA that said it could never be done. I invite this commission to come to Haiku and look at it. The NERRA is a National Estuarine Resource Reserve Area that told us we could never do it. Someone told me what landlord in the right mind would ever give you a lease to farm? Well, HCDA gave us a 28-year lease to farm, and we're now restoring 400 acres. We don't own it, but we have

six grassroots organizations that's running it right now. Please come to see what we're doing over there, how we progress with it. And I think Hawaiian Homelands can do the same. Help our people by being sustainable. If we can open up farm lots, because the country here is keep the country country. It can be done, and we can redo it with your help. I will be also handing in a written testimony in the future. But mahalo nui for your time. Aloha.

2. Oral Testimony of Mahealani Cypher: Support

Aloha mai kakou, I'm Mahelani Cypher. I'm with the Koolau Foundation, which supports the preservation of Hawaiian traditional values and practices. And we applaud Hawaiian Homelands for coming up with this proposed pilina connection with awarding of homesteads. We think it's long overdue. It should have been part of the original plan for the Homestead Act. We really encourage other homesteaders, or proposed people who are on the list, to sign up for this waitlist, this pilina Wait List. I think this is important those who are already on the wait list, I would say, sign up for this Pilina wait list, which is a new wait list that supposed to improve the operations of your award. So we encourage you. We support this project. We will do whatever we can to help get it through. Thank you.

3. Oral Testimony of Cyd Hoffeld: Concerned/Oppose

My concern goes along with Uncle Dennis's concern and also with the Kodanis, my auntie was on the wait list. She has since passed. My mom is 90 years old and she is the successor of my Auntie's wait list. I am her successor. With all of these different rule changes and all of these different new ways of getting on the list without taking care of the people who are already on the list. It seems like you keep dividing it into different kinds of processes which seem to, in theory, help get people on the land. But really, like they were saying earlier, if I'm on the wait list for five years, but I have pilina to a certain property or a certain area, but like Auntie's husband was on the list for 50 years, and somebody else gets land before my mom does and I do? That doesn't seem fair to me. It just it feels like we should just put people on the land. And, like Auntie just said that, just gave her testimony, there is property that should be developed by Hawaiian Homelands if OHA and Hawaiian homes are going to put apartment buildings for Hawaiians. You know, that's another way. But still, you need to put as many Hawaiians on their land. Oh, you know, if they're partnering OHA and the DHHL to build infrastructure on properties that people said wasn't livable, I think that's what you should do, is move towards something like that, to put more people on the land that's available. Without saying you don't have enough infrastructure to do that. Build the infrastructure. Put people on the land if you need to build condominiums or whatever, as a substitute, do that. I know that your Laiopua in Kona is having those kinds of lease properties. We need to do something to get people on land. We need reduce it. And that's really all I wanted to say. And thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to share our Manao.

4. Oral Testimony of Dennis Neves: Oppose

Hi, Dennis Neves, Anahola, lessee and an applicant. I am in opposition to the Pilina Priority Waitlist. This is for the following reasons and more, but just for the record, I have some comments. At the September 20, 2025, commission meeting. Lillie Makaila, who's from planning, stated that the beneficiary report is an accurate report of manao from our beneficiaries statewide. The beneficiary consultation clearly indicated that the Pilina based Priority Waitlist applied to kuleana awards only. On the flyers, it specifically said, Kuleana awards only.

My second point is that at the same meeting G-1 was presented, which is the request to accept the beneficiary consultation report on proposed amendments to the HARs relating to the Pilina based priority waitlist and leave of absence, which we're not talking about today. At that meeting, the chairman proposed amending the rule to move remove the term "kuleana." Well, it's not a term. Kuleana is an award category, and it should have been clear to the commission that this is an award category, not a term. This amendment drastically altered what was presented to our beneficiaries over the several months and many meetings that we had this discussion. The amendment was seconded by Commissioner Kaleikini. The Commission voted in favor of the amendment and the report.

I note, the request was to accept the report and the proposed amendments to the HAR not to change what was presented to the beneficiaries. This action by the commission is a discredit to the expertise of the planning department and inappropriate and disrespectful to our beneficiaries. I am requesting that the department conduct another full beneficiary consultation with the Commission's modifications to rule or remove the amendment. We got to have our cards out front and tell people what we're doing. We spent all this money, all this time, and we had 900 people, and we have 29,000 people on the wait list. If you would have said this was for all of it, you'd have more people providing their manao. Thank you.

5. Oral Testimony of Ainaaloha loane: Support

Aloha mai kakou. My name is Aina Aloha loane. I am the current president of our community association, MAHA. MAHA is on the aina of Kings Landing on the moku of Hawaii. I am here today to speak on behalf of myself as well as my community, and we are in support of this pilina base admin rule change. There are some things that I think impact everyone differently and impact people personally, and so when I share my manao, it's with the same compassion that everybody shares their manao. And yes, yes, it does. Pilina does give preference to kupa of the aina. It gives me preference to my homeland, to the sands of births, to the aina that raised me, because being a kupa of the aina is what makes us Hawaiian. It is a Hawaiian legacy. It is a Hawaiian way of life. It is a Hawaiian way of thought. Knowing your Aina is what makes us an expert of our

place, and the same fear that most of us share of someone getting their lease before someone else, is the same amount of fear that I fear, that I feel about not being able to possibly go home. The anxiety of the wait list is causing us to be a'amas in the pakini. We're turning ourselves against ourselves. Instilling fear in our community causes just more anxiety, and it's very 'eha to hear. Papa always says, we got to feed the hungry and we got to help the unfortunate. We cannot fault ourselves and our future for the problematic issues that was sewn into the Act from its inception. But we must educate ourselves, and we must succeed as a lahui. So I'd like to end my manao with thanking Julie, the planning department, and all of us here today. I know that we are all here to kako'o ourselves, and we mahalo for this opportunity. Aloha. Thank you, mahalo.

6. Oral Testimony of Kainoa Lei MacDonald: Oppose

My name is Kanoa Lei McDonald. I am from Maui. I am the current chair of the Association of Hawaiians for homestead lands, the homestead beneficiary association under 43 CFR, of which we represent the Hawaiian homes Commission Act policy overarching the 29,000 beneficiaries nationwide on the wait list.

So in many, many conversations, especially with Julie, I just wanted to thank Julie for trying to move this forward in its origination, when you know you were looking at lands in Wakiu and in Keanae on Maui, and then ultimately with King's Landing. And so although we support the rule and the culturally grounded developments in those areas, like in Keanae, Wakiu and Kings Landing, our concern, as our organization, homestead association, is about process. It's not about pilina or place.

This Pilina-based priority waitlist rule expands beyond what beneficiaries were consulted on yet the DHHL did not consult with the Office of Native Hawaiian Relations (ONHR) to ensure alignment under and with the federal trust standards. Under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, the Commission acts as a trustee. The trust principles demand transparency, and it's also equally important for equitable access across all.

I really believe that the meaningful consultation to include the right organizations, as well as reaching out to the ONHR, have been missed. So the pathway to our lands cannot be rewritten without that voice or Leo of the people it serves, it's kuleana, our rights, and our legacy. You cannot change the pathway to a homestead award without fully informing beneficiaries and ensuring the rules meet trust obligations.

In ending, that is the core of equity. And I hope that you can reconsider other input from, especially from Commissioner Neves, to take a look at redoing, potentially, you know, this process to include the new rules. So mahalo again, for allowing my organization to provide input and mahalo nui.

Official Record of Testimonies received at 6:00 pm public hearing

7. Oral Testimony of 'Āinaaloha loane: Support

Aloha. My name is Ainaaloha loane. I was born at home at Waika'alulu Bay on the DHHL parcel known as Kings Landing. I was born into the subsistence village. My Papa and the beneficiaries on the wait list--my father is Skippy loane--we gathered our meaa'i from the ocean, and 90% of our diet came straight out of the sea. We grew up with poi and limu on the table all the time.

My Papa came to know Kings Landing as a child, when he went with his grandfather, Keaukaha homestead lessee, Edith Keonana Akui and William Kanakaole loane. They would take him down to the tidepools at Keonepupu and the older men would go fish the coastline. Grandpa loane would share stories with dad of his fishing expeditions with the Chief David Malo and the wealth of knowledge he learned about King's Landing.

My father then instilled in me or ho'o'iwi, infused through practices and experiences those same lke kupuna or generational knowledge, and this pilina base admin rule change reflects those practices. Pilina base ensures generational lke. It ensures that what my grandfather taught my dad about the coastline of Kings Landing is passed down to me and then to my keiki. It ensures that the connection I have to King's Landing through my kupuna, my great grandfather, lives and breathes on through my experiences and my ohana practices. Our lives in King's Landing today confirm his wealth of knowledge. I am Ainaaloha Waka'alulu loane. I was named for the deep-rooted Aloha that my ohana has practiced for and with the aina of Waika'alulu Kings Landing. My name is a reflection of our multi-generational stewardship pilina to our Aina of Waika'alulu. We at MAHA, which is the association representing the Hawaiian beneficiaries of King's Landing on the wait list, 100% support this pilina based priority as it will ensure our legacy as stewards of the aina. Mahalo.

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FW: PILINA - BASED PRIORITY WAITLISTPUBLIC TESTIMONY and Objection

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Date Mon 2/2/2026 11:39 AM

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Sent: Sunday, February 1, 2026 2:25 PM

To: DHHL.Planning <dhhl.planning@hawaii.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] PILINA - BASED PRIORITY WAITLISTPUBLIC TESTIMONY and Objection

Planning Staff,

Amendments to the Hawaii Administrative rules for the Pilina-Based Priority Waitlist directly conflict with the actual Beneficiary Consultation conducted by the Planning department from March thru June of 2025.

At the September Commission meeting Item G1 was presented to the commission to Accept the Beneficiary Consultation Report on Proposed Amendments to Hawai'i Administrative Rules relating to Pilina-Based Priority and Lessee Leave of Absence.

The commission removed the term "Kuleana." This action allows the Pilina process be applied to all leases. This change affects all of the 29,000+ on the waitlists.

This action is in conflict with the beneficiary consultation which clearly indicated the Pilina Priority Waitlist applied to Kuleana Awards ONLY.

This is a formal request to conduct and new Beneficiary Consultation on all islands and include all waitlists applicants.

Dennis L Neves

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To: Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
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From: Leialoha "Rocky" Kaluhiwa

Re: Support for Pilina-Based Priority Wait List

Aloha mai kakou:

On behalf of the Kaluhiwa `ohana and the extended families of the Jones Family, I wish to offer our strong support for the proposed change in your administrative rules that would allow the department to award homesteads to families on the waitlist who have pilina or generational connections to the area where homesteads are made available.

Our family has lived in He`eia for many generations, at least two hundred years, and we live in the area even today.

My sons are on the wait list now; my husband, who was full-blooded Hawaiian, had strong feelings about being transported from where we are kupa`aina to other ahupua`a where we never lived. He had always advocated for a system such as is being proposed by your department, where leases for homesteads are awarded to families who have long relationships with the ahupua`a with which they are connected.

We especially encourage you to consider establishing farm lots in our ahupua`a, because there is other farming activity happening in this area.

Mahalo for this opportunity to share our mana`o.

Written Testimony in Opposition to HAR §10-3-12 (Pilina-Based Priority)
DHHL Public Hearing – January 28, 2026

Dear Chair and Commissioners of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands,

My name is Caroline Emmsley-de Jetley (DHHL Waitlist Numbers: 2498, 1485). I am a Native Hawaiian beneficiary of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, born and raised in Hāna, Maui, and currently residing in Hāna, and I have been on the island-wide waitlist for 25 years. I am submitting this testimony in opposition to the proposed administrative rule HAR §10-3-12 (Pilina-Based Priority).

This amendment goes against the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA) and the principles of fairness established under the original 1920 Act. The HHCA established an island-wide waitlist system, and it is unlawful to allow a separate application system to be implemented that favors certain demographics while disadvantaging long-waiting beneficiaries like myself.

Over the years, not one notification was sent to me regarding meetings or applications for the Pilina-Based Priority program. This lack of notification and outreach undermines transparency and prevents beneficiaries like myself from participating in decisions that directly affect our opportunities for homestead lands.

Additionally, this amendment shows favoritism to a particular demographic and applies rules that go beyond the requirements of the Hawaiian homelands waitlist system, further disadvantaging those who have waited for decades on the original island-wide waitlist. I also question whether this amendment has been approved by the Department of the Interior, given its significant impact on beneficiary rights and the original provisions of the HHCA.

Implementing this amendment without proper consultation and without respecting the island-wide waitlist system disregards the thousands of beneficiaries who have patiently waited for homestead opportunities, including those who have passed away while still on the waitlist. Changes of this magnitude require full transparency, equitable access, and meaningful input from all affected beneficiaries.

For these reasons, I oppose HAR §10-3-12 in its current form and respectfully request that DHHL:

- Provide clear justification for the amendment's authority and compliance with the HHCA
- Explain how waitlist priorities are being altered
- Ensure full disclosure of beneficiary notification efforts
- Confirm whether this amendment was reviewed and approved by the Department of the Interior
- Allow meaningful opportunity for all beneficiaries to provide input before any further action

Mahalo for considering my concerns and for taking into account the voices of beneficiaries who continue to wait for the promises made under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act to be honored.

Respectfully,

Caroline Emmsley-de Jetley

2026 JAN 28 AM 8:55

January 24, 2026
DHHL Planning Office
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To whom it may concern,

Regarding: Pillna-Based Priority Waitlist New Section 10-3-12 Awards to Applicants who are Lineal Descendants or Previous or Existing Residents.

Question: What does it take to be on the Pillna-Based Priority Waitlist?

My name is Valerie A. Kim. My mother is Elaine A. Kim-Kama passed on April 24, 2025. I am her beneficiary for residential and agricultural land, soon to be Lessee on Jan. 27, 2026. Mom has always said, "I hope to get an Ag land in Waimanalo back roads before I die"! She was determined to live long, age 91, but not long enough for Hawaiian Homes to call her. With that said, she died on the Ag list application date 7/07/95, area 191, # 875.

My family moved into Waimanalo around February 1965. I, Valerie, attended Blanche Pope in 6th grade, went to Waimanalo Intermediate, moved on to Kailua High and graduated in 1973.

In September 1973 I went to work for Dr. Gerald Wong DMD, Waimanalo Dental thru July 30, 2017.

August 2017 - January 2019 I worked with Dr. Emilio Hernandez, Waimanalo Dentists LLC. 2019 -2020 I was employed by Hawaii Department of Education at Blanche Pope Elementary, I left during COVID. I retired and became a caregiver for my mom.

My eldest brother Curtis is disabled and still lives in the home. My second brother was priced out of Paradise and presently lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

My son Ikaika Rogerson lives on Waimanalo Homestead Kalaniana'ole Hwy. He is also on the Ag land list for Oahu 191, #885. Ikaika has participated in the Go Farm program, planting fruits and vegetables which were sold in our community Waimanalo Co-op. He was given a lease plot at the Ag station in Waimanalo to grow La'au plants. He sells La'au tea's, tinctures, salts, salves, Olena chips, etc. in Windward Mall. He is a board member for Ke Kula Nui O Waimanalo. Instructor for Waimanalo Aquaponics teaching DHHL families on Oahu, Maui, Hawaii Island, and now Molokai sustainability by growing their own food and fish to eat at home.

We also plant Limu once a month, since 2017 at Kaiona Beach Park. Limu is our staple food. Sealife Park has partnered with WAIMANALO LIMU HUI where we have tanks there to grow limu for planting. KKNOW has a lease property at the Waimanalo Quarry site, on a month to month basis, where we have planted more than 400 plants now. We have harvested Ulu, sweet potato, kalo, chili peppers, mamaki, uhaloa, banana, papaya, noni, etc and ti for lei's, crown, plumeria, bolo head flowers for crafts and much more. We are the guardians of this land.

Working the Aina and Kai is truly a part of our CULTURE AND LEGACY!

We, Valerie Kim (Elaine Kim-Kama) and Ikaika Rogerson request to be on the Pillna-Based Priority Waitlist for Waimanalo.

Mahalo, Valerie Kim (808)277-8019

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From: Gilbernette De Sa-Shimaoka,
Applicant on Waitlist Effective March 13, 2000

Date: February 2, 2026

Re: "Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Administrative Rule HAR section 10-3-12 governs the Waitlist for leases. DHHHL proposes to amend section 10-3-12 to establish a Pilina-Based Priority Waitlist..."

I, Gilbernette De Sa-Shimaoka, do hereby submit my written testimony in **FAVOR** of creating a Pilina-Based Policy in awarding homestead leases to native Hawaiian beneficiaries (100% and 50% of Hawaiian Lineage) who have a connection to that wahi. I agree that it is essential to maintaining continuity of settlement by beneficiaries and their families to their success and need to build positive connections during times of need and the understanding to live a self-sufficient life style.

I have lived in Honolulu for 66 years (50% Hawaiian), my mother (100% Hawaiian) lived here for 55 years until her death in 2015 at the age of 87 years. We moved here right after the 1960 tidal wave that destroyed our home (Piopio Street) and claimed the life of my eldest brother. It was a devastating time, but I only remember living here surrounded by the beauty of the land and the people who welcomed us.

I understand the concerns of other testifiers regarding Applicants being able to move up on the waitlist who have pilina to the wahi. However, I believe the Commission is being very fair in setting guidelines for qualifying Applicants, i.e., 18 years of living on the wahi, 100% or 50% of Hawaiian lineage requirements. I believe it is essential of not uprooting people of Hawaiian descent who have lived on the land alongside their parents, played there, raised cattle, pigs, chickens, vegetable gardens, ulu trees, avocado trees, lychee, mangoes, fished in our rivers, etc., and who grew up into a self-sufficient life style.

We need to be able to bring our children and grandchildren back home who have been priced out of the ability to carry on generations of living here. We are being priced out of our land by millionaires who purchase acres by the hundreds and block our ability to farm, fish, swim on land that were ours. It is essential that we stand in unity and provide a place where it can be done for generations who were, are, and will be.

I ask you to consider moving forward with the proposed amendments to Administrative Rule HAR section 10-3-12, in establishing a Pilina-Based Priority Waitlist.

Mahalo for your time.