

I **STRONGLY SUPPORT HB402**, which seeks to ensure that the state's constitutional and statutory Public Land Trust (PLT) obligations to Native Hawaiians are more properly fulfilled, by: (1) Establishing \$35 million as an interim reflection of the 20% of PLT revenues that should be transferred annually to OHA for the benefit of Native Hawaiians; (2) Transferring \$139 million to OHA for underpaid PLT revenues between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2019; (3) Requiring continued annual accounting of revenues from PLT lands; and (4) Convening a Public Land Trust Revenues Committee every six years, to review and make recommendations regarding OHA's portion of PLT revenues.

After years of unjustified delay, it is finally time to revisit Native Hawaiians' fair share of PLT revenues. Importantly, Native Hawaiians' PLT share is the primary source of funding for programs, grants, and services that benefit both Native Hawaiians and the larger community. Raising Native Hawaiians' annual share to \$35 million will support a wider range of strategic and innovative programs and activities designed to improve the well-being and conditions of Native Hawaiians and Hawai'i. Therefore, I respectfully urge the Committee to **PASS HB402**.