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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for **Wildfire Prevention and Mitigation Planning and Outreach** in Fiscal Year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL)** located at **91-5420 Kapolei Parkway, Kapolei, Hawai'i 96707**.

Requested funds would be used to support development of wildfire management plans for communities across the State of Hawai'i to improve wildfire prevention and mitigation efforts. These plans would cover over 200,000 acres of land managed by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, including over 10,000 Hawaiian homestead lots, many of which are in rural and remote communities especially susceptible to wildfires.

The project would engage federal, state, and local officials alongside community members to develop separate wildfire management plans for each island. Each plan would include mitigation strategies, evacuation routes, and needed investments to develop and maintain wildfire prevention measures. The project would also include community outreach and engagement to build capacity and expertise in wildfire management and response.

The project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized by section 203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. §5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018.

Lastly, I certify that neither I nor anyone in my immediate family have a financial interest in this project.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Jill Tokuda
Member of Congress