

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2239
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 2239 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAND ACQUISITION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to preserve affordable housing by:

- (1) Appropriating funds to acquire the Kukui Gardens property;
- (2) Requiring that at least 50 percent of the property be retained in perpetuity as affordable housing for households with incomes at or below 140 percent of the median family income; and
- (3) Requiring eminent domain proceedings if the acquisition is unsuccessful.

Partners in Care and the Hawaii Realtors Association testified in support of this bill. The Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii supported the intent of this measure.



Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Requiring that 100 percent of the property, upon its acquisition, be retained for affordable housing for households with incomes at or below 120 percent of the median family income; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2239, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2239, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Housing,

Michael P. Kahlukina
MICHAEL P. KAHIKINA, Chair



