

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 17, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2271
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 Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2271 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NON-AGRICULTURAL PARK LANDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to clarify the authority of the Department of Agriculture (DOA) regarding agricultural public lands (that are not agricultural park lands) that were transferred to DOA by the Department of Land and Natural Resources by authorizing DOA, subject to certain restrictions, to:

- (1) Directly dispose of public lands for agricultural or aquacultural purposes;
- (2) Plan, develop, and manage certain non-agricultural park lands; and
- (3) Negotiate leases for agricultural purposes,

without the prior approval of the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Further, this bill:

- (1) Requires the Board of Agriculture to establish eligibility requirements for each disposition; and
- (2) Sets forth the rights and responsibilities of an institutional lender that holds a security interest in



leased non-agricultural park lands under the jurisdiction of DOA.

DOA, the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, and Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation testified in support of this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2006, to encourage further discussion; 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 Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2271, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2271, H.D. 1.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



