

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 3, 2006

RE: H.C.R. No. 245
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.C.R. No. 245 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING DEL MONTE AND THE CAMPBELL ESTATE TO ALLOW RESIDENTS TO CONTINUE TO RESIDE AT KUNIA CAMP UNTIL AT LEAST UNTIL DECEMBER 2008, TO ALLOW THE RESIDENTS TIME TO FIND HOUSING SOLUTIONS OR AFFORDABLE ALTERNATIVE HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to allow the residents of Kunia Camp more time to find housing solutions or affordable alternative housing by requesting Del Monte and the Campbell Estate to permit residents to continue to reside at Kunia Camp until at least December 2008.

The Representative of the 42nd District, Hawaii Government Employees Association, ILWU Local 142, Poamoho Camp Community Association, and Kunia Camp Association testified in support of this resolution. The Campbell Estate offered comments.

Your Committee is dedicated to assisting workers and retirees of Del Monte find solutions to their impending housing crisis. Hawaii is now facing a statewide affordable housing crisis, and the closure of plantations, such as Del Monte, will exacerbate the problem and create a hardship on plantation workers and retirees in finding housing in an already overburdened housing market.



Your Committee has amended this concurrent resolution by:

- (1) Requesting Del Monte to negotiate fairly with the ILWU and consider providing benefit enhancements for severance and medical coverage;
- (2) Specifying that December 2008, should not be considered an absolute deadline, as efforts to find a long-term solution may require more time;
- (3) Rephrasing the title to read: "REQUESTING DEL MONTE AND THE CAMPBELL ESTATE TO ALLOW RESIDENTS TO CONTINUE TO RESIDE AT KUNIA CAMP AT LEAST UNTIL DECEMBER 2008, TO ALLOW THE RESIDENTS TIME TO FIND HOUSING SOLUTIONS OR AFFORDABLE ALTERNATIVE HOUSING"; and
- (4) 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 concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 245, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 245, H.D. 1.

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


MICHAEL P. KAHIKINA, Chair



