

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 15, 2006

RE: H.R. No. 193

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources, to which was referred H.R. No. 193 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE SHORELINE SETBACK REFERENCE LINE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

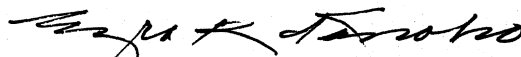
The purpose of this resolution is to improve Hawaii's shoreline setback system in protecting our beach resources and reducing the loss of property from erosion, storms, or other events. This measure requests the Auditor to study alternative systems and methods for defining and establishing a more reliable shoreline setback reference line.

The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii testified in support of this resolution. The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, and Earthjustice opposed this measure. Hawaii Association of Realtors offered comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 193 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water, Land, &
Ocean Resources,


EZRA R. KANOHO, Chair



