

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 7, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2948  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 2948, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PUBLIC LAND TRUST,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure the betterment of the conditions of native Hawaiians by facilitating the process of deciding the amount of funds that should be made available to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) from the pro rata portion of the Public Land Trust (Land Trust). Specifically, this bill:

- (1) Determines that the annual pro rata portion of the Land Trust shall be \$15,100,000;
- (2) Streamlines the process of collecting revenues from use of lands within the Land Trust by requiring the:
  - (A) Department of Agriculture;
  - (B) Department of Accounting and General Services;
  - (C) Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism;
  - (D) Department of Education;



- (E) Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR);
- (F) Department of Transportation; and
- (G) Any other department or agency that collects receipts from lands within the Land Trust;

to determine and transfer a portion of receipts from the use of lands within the Land Trust to OHA;

- (3) Appropriates \$17,500,000 to OHA to make up for underpayment for use of lands in the Land Trust between July 1, 2001, and June 30, 2005;
- (4) Requires all state agencies to provide an accounting of all receipts from use of land within the Land Trust; and
- (5) Appropriates \$250,000 for state agencies to provide accounting records.

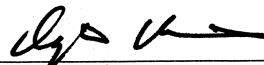
OHA and the Department of the Attorney General testified in support of this bill. DLNR opposed this measure in part.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2948, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2948, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

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



DWIGHT TAKAMINE, Chair



