

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 3000
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Housing and Water, Land, & Ocean Resources, to which was referred S.B. No. 3000, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to expedite approval and permitting processes for affordable housing projects by, among other things:

- (1) Requiring reviewing agencies to respond within 45 days of receipt of an application, or the application will be deemed acceptable as submitted; and
- (2) Allowing county councils and the Land Use Commission to approve projects with modifications.

Hawaii Reserves, Inc., the Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii supported the intent of this measure.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Housing and Water, Land, & Ocean Resources that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3000, S.D. 2, and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Housing and
Water, Land, & Ocean Resources,


EZRA R. KANOHO, Chair


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