

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 3084
S.D. 2
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 Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 3084, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to facilitate the appraisal process required to acquire "Lands Having Value as a Resource to the State" (Resource Value Lands) by, among other things:

- (1) Allowing the State the authority to review, approve, and accept existing appraisals if the appraisal was completed within one year and performed according to accepted professional standards;
- (2) Allowing the State to contract with no more than three disinterested appraisers for completion of an independent appraisal;
- (3) Authorizing the purchase of Resource Value Lands for a sum greater than the highest value fixed by the appraiser only if the higher value is determined to be justified by an independent appraiser; provided that this authorization shall not apply to Resource Value Lands acquired by condemnation.



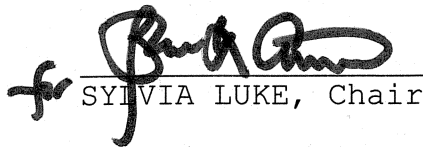
The Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, and The Trust for Public Land testified in support of this bill. The Department of Land and Natural Resources did not oppose this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Exempting donated lands from appraisal requirements; 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 S.B. No. 3084, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3084, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

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


for SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



