

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2248
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Water, Land, and Agriculture and Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2248, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO KIKALA-KEOKEA,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Kikala-Keokea housing revolving fund.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Your Committees find that Act 314, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 1991, as amended, authorized the Department of Land and Natural Resources to negotiate long-term leases with displaced families from Kalapana on ceded lands in the Kikala-Keokea homestead area. Act 314 was enacted to assist those displaced by the continuing lava flows from Kilauea, which began in 1983 and led to the eventual destruction of Kalapana in 1991.

Your Committees further find that pursuant to Act 144, SLH 2001, the Legislature established:

- (1) The infrastructure development fund to fund the construction of roads, water lines, and other infrastructure; and



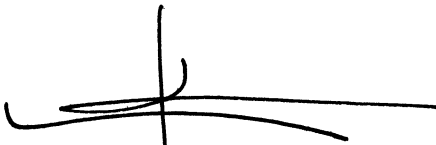
- (2) The Kikala-Keokea housing revolving fund to provide low-interest loans to Kikala-Keokea lessees for residential construction.

Your Committees believe that it is time to initiate the final step in this endeavor by appropriating the necessary funding to allow the disadvantaged survivors of the destructive lava flows at Kalapana to end their displacement and to begin construction on their own homes.

Your Committees have amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2006.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water, Land, and Agriculture and Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2248, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2248, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Water, Land, and Agriculture and Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs,



COLLEEN HANABUSA, Chair



RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, Chair



