

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3112

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2555
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 Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 2555, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit any agency from selling fee interest in public lands in the Kakaako community development district and authorizes the issuance of revenue bonds for approved plans in the Kakaako community development district.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by thirteen individuals. Testimony in opposition to this measure was submitted by the Hawaii Community Development Authority. Comments were submitted by Friends of Kewalo Basin Park Association; Save Our Kaka`ako Coalition; Windstar Foundation, Honolulu; and seventeen individuals.

Your Committee finds that clarification of all state agencies' power to sell fee interests in public lands is necessary and that the issuance of revenue bonds may be necessary to implement approved plans for portions of the Kakaako community development district, as long as the bonds are only issued if income from the project is insufficient to cover the project costs and there is a shortfall and the development does not include residential dwellings makai of the subject area.

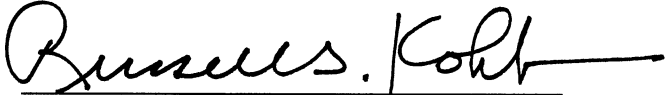


However, after hearing all of the public testimony and after careful consideration, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Narrowing the prohibition on selling state land within the Kakaako community development district to restrict only the Hawaii Community Development Authority, ensuring that the amendments made to this measure fits within its title;
- (2) Deleting the authorization of revenue bonds; and
- (3) Changing the effective date of this measure to July 1, 2020 to ensure further discussion on this matter.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2555, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2555, 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
Committee on Water, Land, and
Agriculture,



RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, Chair



