

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 24 2006**

RE: H.B. No. 2994  
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 Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing and Water, Land, and Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 2994, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAND ACQUISITION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to preserve Kulana Nani as an affordable rental housing project. The measure has an effective date of July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion.

Testimony in support of the measure was submitted by the Kulana Nani Resident Association. The Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii testified that the measure should be amended to appropriate funds for land acquisition of Kulana Nani directly to the City and County of Honolulu, which operates the project.

Your Committees find that concern was expressed that the City and County of Honolulu may seek to dispose of the Kulana Nani project, and that state action is therefore required to preserve the project as affordable housing.

Your Committees have amended this measure to:

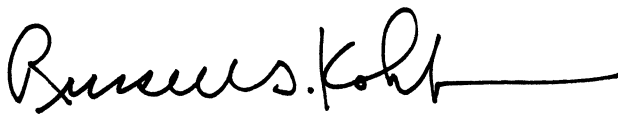
- (1) Delete the limitation on use of eminent domain for acquisition of Kulana Nani until after June 30, 2007;



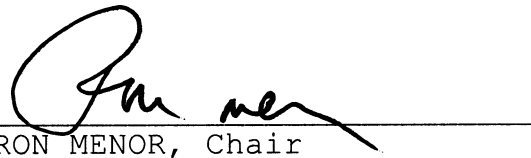
- (2) Include a legislative declaration that acquisition of Kulana Nani by eminent domain is in the public interest and is required for public use;
- (3) Exempt acquisition of Kulana Nani from the provision of section 201G-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, making condemnation of parcels greater than fifteen acres subject to legislative disapproval;
- (4) Clarify that the income restrictions of the Kulana Nani project shall remain those in effect on the date of this Act;
- (5) Replace the sum appropriated with a blank amount; and
- (6) Make technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing and Water, Land, and Agriculture that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2994, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2994, 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 Commerce,  
Consumer Protection, and  
Housing and Water, Land, and  
Agriculture,



RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, Chair



RON MENOR, Chair





