

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.C.R. No. 245
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing,
to which was referred H.C.R. No. 245, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING DEL MONTE AND THE
CAMPBELL ESTATE TO ALLOW RESIDENTS TO CONTINUE TO RESIDE AT
KUNIA CAMP AT LEAST UNTIL DECEMBER 2008, TO ALLOW THE
RESIDENTS TIME TO FIND HOUSING SOLUTIONS OR AFFORDABLE
ALTERNATIVE HOUSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Request Del Monte to continue to operate Kunia Camp until at least December 2008, or offer financial assistance to aid the current residents seeking alternative affordable housing;
- (2) Request the Estate of James Campbell to allow current residents to continue to reside at Kunia Camp by entering into an agreement with the Kunia Camp Association for the lease of parcels until at least December 2008 or until the residents find alternative affordable housing; and
- (3) Request Del Monte to negotiate fairly with the International Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU) for enhanced severance and medical coverage benefits to assist the employees in their transition.



Testimony in support of the measure was submitted by the ILWU Local 142 and the Hawaii Government Employees Association. The Estate of James Campbell submitted comments indicating its support of the intent of this concurrent resolution.

Your Committee finds that the closure of Del Monte in 2008 will leave seven hundred pineapple production workers unemployed, and could result in the eviction of more than five hundred residents from one hundred twenty homes at Kunia Camp. Your Committee further finds that the ILWU is already in negotiations with Del Monte on the effects of the closure, and that Campbell Estate is working with the union and has received an affirmative response to its request that Del Monte continue to operate Kunia Camp and refrain from taking any "precipitate action." Nevertheless, your Committee finds that simply turning over the homes, now owned by Del Monte, to the Kunia Camp Association will not be sufficient action, as the infrastructure and structures do not meet current code requirements of the City and County of Honolulu. Accordingly, your Committee finds that continued legislative oversight and involvement with the Kunia Camp situation is required to ensure the best possible solutions for the community.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 245, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Housing,



RON MENOR, Chair



