A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LAND ACQUISITIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1	SECTION 1	. Chapter 173A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is	
2	amended by add	ling a new section to be appropriately designated	
3	and to read as follows:		
4	" <u>§173A-</u>	Appraisal of land. (a) Notwithstanding section	
5	171-30, the ap	praisal of land having value as a resource to the	
6	State and acqu	ired by the State under this chapter may be	
7	performed as f	ollows:	
8	(1) The	board may review, approve, and accept any existing	
9	appr	aisal prepared on behalf of a nonprofit	
10	orga	nization if:	
11	<u>(A)</u>	The appraisal was completed within one year	
12		before the decision by the board to approve the	
13		acquisition of land; and	
14	<u>(B)</u>	The board finds that the appraisal was performed	
15		according to applicable and accepted professional	
16		standards for land appraisal; or	

1	(2)	The board may contract for an independent appraisal	
2		from no more than three disinterested appraisers who	
3		shall follow applicable and accepted professional	
4		standards for land appraisal.	
5	The board	shall submit the appraisal to the attorney general for	
6	review an	d approval before it acquires the land having value as	
7	a resource to the State.		
8	<u>(b)</u>	No land shall be purchased for a sum greater than the	
9	highest value fixed by any appraisal accepted or performed under		
10	subsection (a); provided that:		
11	(1)	The board, after review of the appraisal by the	
12		attorney general, may purchase the property at a value	
13		greater than the highest fixed appraised value if the	
14		higher value is determined by the attorney general to	
15		be justified and within the range of market value; and	
16	(2)	This limitation shall not apply to any acquisition	
17		that is made by condemnation.	
18	<u>(c)</u>	After the land having value as a resource to the State	
19	has been a	acquired or the State abandons the acquisition, the	
20	appraisal reports shall be made available for inspection and		
21	copying by the public."		
22	SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.		

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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Report Title:

Resource Land Acquisition; Appraisal

Description:

Permits the board of land and natural resources to appraise land having value as a resource to the State before acquiring the land. Requires the board to submit the appraisal to the attorney general for review and approval. (SD1)