

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1179

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1899  
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1899, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO KAWAI NUI MARSH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure the conservation of Kawai Nui Marsh, one of our state's largest remaining wetlands, by transferring ownership of lot 3 of Kawai Nui Marsh from the City and County of Honolulu to the State to take advantage of federal funds, as directed in Act 314, Session Laws of Hawaii 1990 (Act 314).

Hawaii's Thousand Friends, Hawaii Audubon Society, Ahahui Malama I Ka Lokahi, and numerous individuals testified in support of this bill. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) supported this bill with amendments. The Department of Facility Maintenance of the City and County of Honolulu and Windward Ahupuaa Alliance opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Transferring all of lot 3 of Kawai Nui Marsh as shown on land division parcel map file no. 18-3-3-13, including the area makai of the boundary defined as five feet from the toe of the Coconut Grove side of the flood control levee, beginning at the Oneawa canal and ending at the

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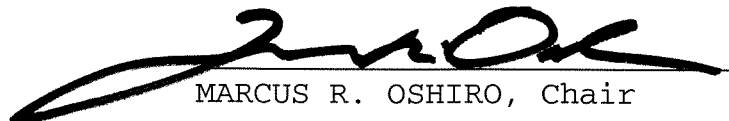


State-owned parcel identified by tax map key number 4-2-16:02, lot A;

- (2) Deleting the provision that requires that the City and County of Honolulu and the United States Army Corps of Engineers must first complete all pending flood control projects for Kawai Nui Marsh to the satisfaction of DLNR;
- (3) Deleting the provision that the State be granted a temporary easement over the parcels transferred under this Act prior to their transfer;
- (4) Inserting appropriations for DLNR to:
  - (A) Maintain Kawai Nui Marsh or to contract with the City and County of Honolulu or any other public or private entity to maintain Kawai Nui Marsh; and
  - (B) Conduct or contract educational, ecological, and environmental services for Kawai Nui Marsh and its adjoining state areas;
- (5) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1899, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1899, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Finance,

  
MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



