

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 16, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1353
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1353 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT, 1920, AS AMENDED,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to supplement the declining source of revenues from cultivated sugar lands currently deposited into the native Hawaiian Rehabilitation Fund to ensure there are sufficient funds to carry out the State's rehabilitation services for native Hawaiians, native Hawaiian families, and Hawaiian homestead communities, by authorizing the transfer of funds from the Hawaiian Home Receipts Fund into the Native Hawaiian Rehabilitation Fund.

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs testified in support of this bill.

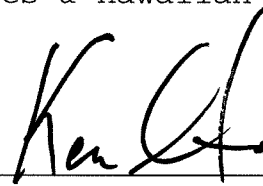
Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1353, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1353, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water, Land, Ocean
Resources & Hawaiian Affairs,



KEN ITO, Chair



