

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 16, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1442

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. 1442 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO KIKALA-KEOKEA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

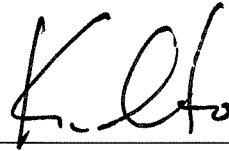
The purpose of this bill is to perpetuate the cultural heritage and truly Hawaiian lifestyle of the residents of Kalapana, one of the last Hawaiian settlements on the island of Hawaii, who were displaced by the 1983 volcanic eruptions and allowed to live in the Kikala-Keokea homestead area under similar conditions as in Kalapana under Act 314, Session Laws of Hawaii 1991, by authorizing the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to award long-term leases for the remaining 19 lots at Kikala-Keokea to those residents who meet specific criteria.

DLNR, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Hawaii County Economic Opportunity Council, Na Ohana o Kalapana, and a concerned individual testified in support of this bill.

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. 1442 and recommends that it pass Second Reading 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



