

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2755
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 2755 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide hunters with access to various public hunting areas via easements across privately owned lands located adjacent to public hunting areas, and appropriate funds for the acquisition of easements from private owners of land adjacent to public hunting areas.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawaii Rifle Association, Pig Hunters Association of Oahu, Conservation Council of Hawaii, and one individual. Testimony in opposition was received from one individual.

Your Committee finds that hunters have historically had access to various public hunting areas by crossing through privately owned unimproved lands. Many of these previously unimproved lands are now being developed by their owners. As a result, hunters are being denied access to public hunting areas by their traditional means of access.

Your Committee further recognizes this trend and has been attempting to identify locations and evaluate methods to restore public access along many of the pre-existing but informal access routes. Due to liability concerns of adjacent landowners and the

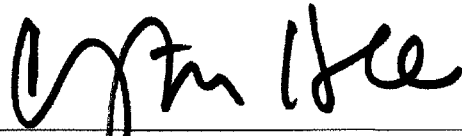


cost of access road management and maintenance, it is legally and fiscally challenging to restore public access.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to continue the discussion in this matter.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2755, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2755, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water and Land,

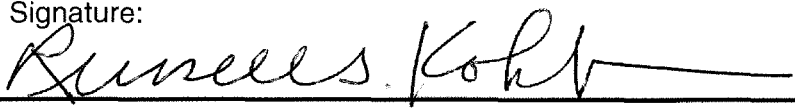


CLAYTON HEE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2755	WTL, WAM	2/11/08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
HEE, Clayton (C)	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S. (VC)	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol				/
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
WHALEN, Paul				/
TOTAL	3			2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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