

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 3, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 1971
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred
H.B. No. 1971 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN
HOME LANDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to promote farm and home ownership by eligible native Hawaiian beneficiaries on as widespread a basis as possible by providing the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) with a permanent source of funding. Specifically, this bill allocates five percent of all funds derived from the public land trust to DHHL.

The Kanaka Council Moku O Keawe and several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Hawaiian Homes Commission and DHHL supported the intent of this measure. The Attorney General provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Clarifying the source of the funds, including that the five percent of the funds derived from the public land trust is not to be taken from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs' pro rata portion;
- (2) Providing a mechanism for the transfer of the funds to DHHL; and



- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1971, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1971, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

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MELE CARROLL, Chair



