

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 26, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 2737  
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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2737 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION OF PUBLIC LANDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to help generate additional revenue for the State by directing the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to dispose of certain parcels of public land:

- (1) Not essential to public safety, health, or welfare, through public auction or negotiation; and
- (2) Leased to not-for-profits meeting specified criteria.

The Sand Island Business Association and a concerned individual testified in support of this bill. The Kanaka Council Moku O Keawe, Mauna Kea Anaina Hou, The Outdoor Circle, Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Hawaiian Civic Club of Hilo, KAHEA, the Representative of District 4, Life of the Land, and numerous concerned individuals opposed this measure. DLNR, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and Koolaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club provided comments.



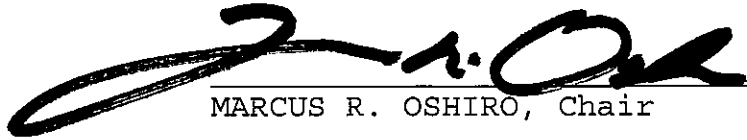
Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Deleting certain references to public lands considered nonessential to the provision of public health, safety, and welfare services by the State or county, including public lands:
  - (A) On Mauna Kea on the Island of Hawaii;
  - (B) Adjacent to the site of the University of Hawaii's proposed Kapolei campus;
  - (C) On the final Kakaako park subdivision map noted as Kakaako Makai, Lots 2, 3, and 9; and
  - (D) Identified as AAFES Property;
- (2) Adding a reference to the Leahi Hospital property as an example of public lands to be considered under this bill;
- (3) Providing that the State will retain the first right of refusal to buy back public lands sold pursuant to the provisions of this bill;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes 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. 2737, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2737, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.



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



MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



