

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 8, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 939

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 Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 939 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to balance the increased cost of development and the streamlining of the permit process with the need to protect the environment.

Specifically, this measure will raise the valuation threshold for developments required to have special management area use permits from a valuation that exceeds \$125,000 to one that exceeds \$250,000. The bill will also raise the valuation threshold for special management area minor permits from not in excess of \$125,000 to not in excess of \$250,000.

The City and County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting, County of Hawaii Planning Department, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the Sierra Club - Hawaii Chapter opposed this measure. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, and a concerned individual offered comments.



Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to December 21, 2058, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 939, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 939, H.D. 1.

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



JON HIKI KARAMATSU, Chair



