

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 969

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 6, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 949
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 949
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
ACT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to stimulate and support
commercial development on Hawaiian home lands that benefits
neighboring residents and the economy, by authorizing the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) to lease Hawaiian home
lands for terms of up to 99 years for commercial land
developments.

The Small Business Regulatory Review Board; Diversified
Equity Investment Corporation; Central Pacific Bank; Association
of Hawaiian Civic Clubs; DeBartolo Development; D. Otani Produce,
Inc.; Waimanalo Hawaiian Homes Association; Pacific Resource
Partnership; K. Taniguchi, Ltd.; Malu'ohai Residents' Association;
and several concerned individuals testified in support of this
bill. A concerned individual testified in opposition to this
measure. The Hawaiian Homes Commission and DHHL provided
comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Deleting language that establishes a new section to
Title 2 of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920,

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that would grant DHHL the authority to negotiate and extend commercial leases for aggregate lease terms of up to 99 years and granting this same authority through amending currently existing sections of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920;

- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2020, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments 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. 949, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 949, H.D. 1.

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


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



