

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 8, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 389
H.D. 3

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 389, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAND USE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to protect one of Hawaii's wetland areas and restore it to productive use. Specifically, this measure seeks to protect and restore the Heeia wetlands, eliminate invasive species in the area, and establish an agricultural and educational center at the wetlands by, among other things:

- (1) Establishing the Heeia Community Development (District), and stipulating its boundaries;
- (2) Establishing general polices to guide the development of the District;
- (3) Creating the Heeia Development Community Revolving Fund along with a dedicated revenue stream to be deposited into the Fund; and
- (4) Authorizing the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) to assess all land users for their fair share of the costs required to administer and operate the District.




Kāko'o 'Ōiwi, the Kahaluu Neighborhood Board No. 29, the HCDA, The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, the Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, and several concerned individuals supported this bill. The City and County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting opposed this bill. The Department of Budget and Finance, and Office of Planning provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2030, to promote 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 Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 389, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 389, H.D. 3.

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



MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



