

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 14, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2531

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred
H.B. No. 2531 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the chairman of
the Hawaiian Homes Commission, with unanimous consent from the
commission, to suspend administrative rules and award a homestead
lease to any native Hawaiian who has been on the Hawaiian Home
Lands waitlist for at least 20 years.

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Association of
Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands
Assembly, Kewalo Hawaiian Homestead Community Association,
Sovereign Mokupuni O Oahu, Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead Community
Association, Aha Moku Advisory Committee, Kuakini Hawaiian Civic
Club of Kona, and several concerned individuals supported the
measure. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs offered comments on the
measure.

Your Committee notes that the Department of Hawaiian Home
Lands testified in strong support of the measure and added that of
the 21,151 residential applicants on the Hawaiian Home Lands
waitlist, 6,740 have been on the waitlist for at least 20 years.
The Department added that the measure targets nearly one-third of
the native Hawaiians who are waiting for a lease and who may
otherwise never be able to accept the lease award.

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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. 2531 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



FAYE HANOHANO, Chair



State of Hawaii
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The Twenty-sixth Legislature

HSLR 311-12

Record of Votes of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2531	Committee Referral: HAW, FIN	Date: 2/1/12		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HAW Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HANOHANO, Faye P. (C)	✓			
2. LEE, Chris (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. JORDAN, Jo				✓
5. MIZUNO, John M.	✓			
6. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
7. WOOLEY, Jessica	✓			
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.				✓
9. PINE, Kymberly Marcos	✓			
10. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (10)	8			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 10pt;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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