

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 22, 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2378
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources, to which was referred S.B. No. 2378, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LEGACY LANDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to focus conservation efforts under the legacy lands program. Specifically, this measure:


- (1) Requires nonprofit land conservation organizations to provide a conservation easement, deed restriction, or covenant as a condition of public funding;
- (2) Requires, as a condition of public funding, that the Board of Land and Natural Resources be made a full or partial owner of any conservation land provided by a state or county agency or nonprofit land conservation organization;
- (3) Allows the Board of Land and Natural Resources to grant exemptions from the easement requirements; and
- (4) Requires applicants to demonstrate the project's public benefit and to consult with the staff of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, the Agribusiness Development Corporation, and the Public Land Development Corporation.



The Department of Land and Natural Resources supported this measure. The Agribusiness Development Corporation supported the intent of this measure. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, The Trust for Public Land, and The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii commented on this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2378, S.D. 1, 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 Water, Land, &
Ocean Resources,



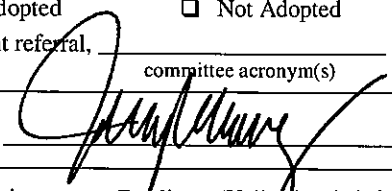
JERRY L. CHANG, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources

Bill/Resolution No.: SB2378, SD1	Committee Referral: WLO, FIN	Date: 3/19/12		
<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)				
WLO Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. CHANG, Jerry L. (C)	X			
2. HAR, Sharon E. (VC)	X			
3. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.	X			
4. CARROLL, Mele				X
5. COFFMAN, Denny	X			
6. HERKES, Robert N.				X
7. ITO, Ken	X			
8. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.	X			
9. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.				X
10. RIVIERE, Gil	X			
11. THIELEN, Cynthia		X		
TOTAL (11)	7	1		3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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