

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2639

S.D. 2

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2639, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to facilitate a Hawaiian Home Lands lessee's ability to expeditiously occupy the lessee's homestead lot.

Specifically, the measure authorizes the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to allow a Hawaiian Home Lands lessee to settle on a vacant homestead lot that has already been awarded to the lessee in a temporary structure for up to five years after the lot award date while a legal, permitted, and permanent dwelling is being constructed.

In addition, this measure requires the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to conduct a public awareness campaign to educate affected communities about the provisions of this measure.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands Assembly, Mokupuni O Oahu, Waianae Kai Homestead Community Association, Hawaiian Homestead Community Association, and Kewalo Hawaiian Homestead Community Association. Your Committee received written comments on this measure from Aupuni O Hawaii.

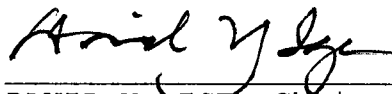


Your Committee finds that there is an extremely long waiting period for native Hawaiians to be placed on Hawaiian Home Lands, due in part to the delay caused by the process of funding, planning, designing, and constructing infrastructure for vacant undeveloped lots. This measure will allow eligible native Hawaiians to more quickly be placed on Hawaiian Home Lands, without having to wait for development infrastructure to be built, while still meeting basic habitation requirements and relevant federal regulations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2639, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2639, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2639, SD 1	HWN/P6M, WAM	2/28/12		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.				✓
RYAN, Pohai	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	13	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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