

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 22, 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2793
S.D. 2
H.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 Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred
S.B. No. 2793, S.D. 2, 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 chairperson
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 Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Sovereign Councils
of the Hawaiian Homelands Assembly, Sovereign Moku-puni Council O
Maui, Sovereign Moku-puni Council O Kauai, Sovereign Moku-puni
Council O Molokai, Sovereign Moku-puni Council O Oahu, and the
Waianae Kai Homestead Community Association supported the measure.
The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and Office of Hawaiian
Affairs supported the measure with amendments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding a preamble that explains the importance of
allowing the chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes
Commission to suspend certain provisions of Title 10 of
the Hawaii Administrative Rules to meet the needs of the



longest-waiting applicants on the Hawaiian Home Lands waitlist, and clarifies that there are applicants who have been on the waitlist for at least 20 years, who have received multiple offers of lease awards, but who have not been able to accept the awards; 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 Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2793, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2793, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



FAYE HANOANO, Chair



