

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2161

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2793
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
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 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to suspend administrative rules
for the purpose of awarding a lease to a native Hawaiian who has
waited for a lease award for twenty years or more.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Hawaiian Homelands, Sovereign Councils of
the Hawaiian Homelands Assembly, Kewalo Hawaiian Homestead
Association, Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead Community Association,
Waianae Kai Hawaiian Homestead Association, the Association of
Hawaiian Civic Clubs, and one individual. Your Committee received
testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your
Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of
Hawaiian Affairs and Aupuni o Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that there are over twenty thousand
applicants for Hawaiian home lands lease awards, nearly one-third
of whom have waited twenty years or more for a lease award. As
individuals who applied for lease awards age, lease awards on some
of Hawaii's most desolate, remote lands, on large houselots, may
no longer be suitable for those senior citizens. Your Committee
also finds that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is exploring



various types of housing, including multi-generational and senior housing, and to allow for the suspension of the administrative rules to make viable housing options accessible to applicants who applied for lease awards no less than twenty years ago.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the effective date to allow the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to suspend administrative rules until June 30, 2017; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2793, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

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

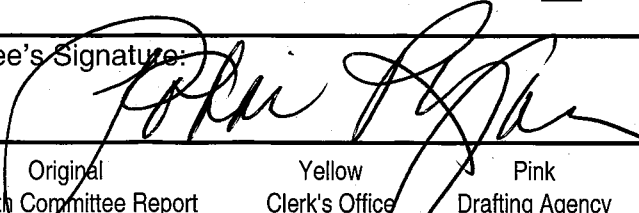


BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Sixth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB2793	HWN.JDL	2/8/12		
<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"/> <i>Sunset Sur</i> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GALUTERIA, Brickwood (C)	✓			
RYAN, Pohai (VC)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
HEE, Clayton				✓
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	✓			
SOLOMON, Malama	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	6			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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