

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 12, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 193

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 193 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAND USE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Land Use Commission, upon request and if certain conditions are met, to extend the time period by which a petitioner shall comply with requirements, terms, or conditions that were imposed by the Commission as part of the approval of a district boundary amendment.

The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii and the Pacific Resource Partnership testified in support of the measure. The Land Use Commission testified in opposition to the measure. The Office of Planning offered comments.

Your Committee finds that the State uses a two-tiered system of land use approvals, whereby the counties enforce the use classification districts adopted by the Land Use Commission. In instances where the Land Use Commission imposes a specific timeline for a project in its approval of a district boundary amendment, the appropriate county assesses the specific uses, development, and timing according to county ordinances, zoning, and subdivision rules. This lengthy approval process often makes deadlines imposed by the Land Use Commission difficult to meet. Your Committee finds that this measure provides a reasonable means by which developers may satisfy any requirements, terms, or


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conditions imposed by the Land Use Commission as part of the approval of a district boundary amendment.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 193 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,



CINDY EVANS, Chair



