

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

6074

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 20, 2013

RE: H.C.R. No. 25

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.C.R. No. 25 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII FOR REVIEW OF ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES ON A LAND EXCHANGE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to approve a land exchange between the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Hawaii Baptist School.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Hawaii Baptist Academy. One individual submitted testimony in opposition to this measure.

You Committee finds that a parcel of public land in Nuuanu, under the management of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, is currently leased to the Hawaii Baptist Academy pursuant to a long-term lease. In 2008, the Board of Land and Natural Resources approved, in principle, a proposal to transfer the parcel of public land in Nuuanu to Hawaii Baptist Academy in exchange for private land. In 2010, a parcel of private land in Waipahu was identified and the Board of Land and Natural Resources approved the proposed land exchange without performing a cultural assessment of the lands being exchanged and has not performed one to date.

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A copy of the draft resolution proposing the land exchange was transmitted to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs not less than three months prior to the convening of the 2013 Regular Session to provide the Office of Hawaiian Affairs sufficient time to determine whether the land was government or crown lands prior to August 15, 1895, or was acquired by the State in exchange for government or crown lands. However, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs did not submit testimony supporting or opposing this measure or comments of any nature.

Your Committee further finds that the land in Waipahu is expected to create revenues for the Department of Land and Natural Resources which will help the Department to preserve and protect Hawaii's historic, cultural, and natural resources. Adoption of this measure is required to implement the proposed land exchange.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 25 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water & Land,


CINDY EVANS, Chair



