

Honolulu, Hawaii

MARCH 14, 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2953
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 2953, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE RESOURCES ON HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to specify the distribution of royalties received from geothermal resources located on lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands by allocating 20 percent of royalties received to the county in which the land is located and 20 percent to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs. The Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies submitted testimony in opposition to this measure. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs submitted comments.

Your Committee finds that the percentage of royalties allocated to the Department of Hawaiian Homes Lands from geothermal resources located on the Department's lands should be increased. Since differing allocation amounts have been proposed in the course of the legislative process, your Committee finds it prudent to continue the discussion as to the amount of the increase.

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Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by inserting a blank amount for the percentage of royalties to be allocated to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

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 S.B. No. 2953, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2953, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs.

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


CINDY EVANS, Chair



