

SB3121

Measure Title: RELATING TO PUBLIC LAND.
Report Title: Public Land Exchange; Legislative Approval
Description: Amends the legislative approval requirement for any exchange of public land for private land to require a majority vote in both houses.
Companion: [HB1507](#)
Package: None
Current Referral: WTL, WAM
Introducer(s): GALUTERIA, Hee

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| 1/23/2014 | S | Introduced. |
| 1/27/2014 | S | Passed First Reading. |
| 1/27/2014 | S | Referred to WTL, WAM. |
| 2/5/2014 | S | The committee(s) on WTL has scheduled a public hearing on 02-12-14 2:55PM in conference room 225. |

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Chairperson

Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND

Wednesday, February 12, 2014
2:55 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 3121
RELATING TO PUBLIC LAND

Senate Bill 3121 proposes to amend the legislative approval requirement for any exchange of public land for private land to require a majority vote in both houses. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) takes no position on this bill.** The Department notes that it has sought and received legislative approval for prior land exchanges through resolutions.

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SENATE BILL 3121 RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Wednesday, 2/12/14; 2:55 pm; Room 225

Aloha Madam Chair Solomon, Vice chair Galuteria and members of the Senate Water and Land Committee.

I am Soulee Stroud, president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs (AHCC) here to represent sixty six affiliate clubs throughout Hawaii and in fifteen states on the continent.

The AHCC Board of Directors met in January and very briefly discussed this bill that requires a majority approval of both houses of the Legislature when an exchange of public for private land is considered. This bill requires legislative scrutiny and has built-in safeguards. It further calls for notification to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA). Such notice will allow OHA to do its own research and determination on the land classification and land exchange being proposed.

The AHCC has consistently supported the protection and preservation of the Public Trust Lands and SB3121 appears to meet those standards. The AHCC has no objections to this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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