

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 17, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 1573
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 1573 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ZONING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify county zoning authority by distinguishing single-family residential use from single-family vacation rental use and allowing amortization by ordinance for single-family transient vacation rentals over a reasonable period.


The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, County of Kauai Planning Department, Chair of the Kauai County Council, two councilmembers of the Kauai County Council, Kailua Neighborhood Board, and a few individuals provided testimony in support of this measure. Hawaii Association of Realtors and Rental by Owner Awareness Association provided testimony in opposition.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

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. 1573, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1573, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.



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



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



