

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 9, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2178
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 Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2178 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INDEPENDENT LEGAL COUNSEL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to employ and retain independent legal counsel.

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, a member of the Kauai County Council, Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Keaukaha Community Association; and several individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of the Attorney General testified in opposition. The Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement and Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands Assembly provided comments.


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2178, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2178, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ocean, Marine
Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs,


KANIELA ING, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

HSCR 114-16

Record of Votes of the Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2178	Committee Referral: OMH, JUD, FIN	Date: 2/3/16		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
OMH Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ING, Kaniela (C)	✓			
2. LOWEN, Nicole E. (VC)	✓			
3. CULLEN, Ty J.K.	✓			
4. EVANS, Cindy	✓			
5. LEE, Chris	✓			
6. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	✓			
7. SAY, Calvin K.Y.	✓			
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
9. POUHA, Feki	✓			
10. THIELEN, Cynthia	✓			
TOTAL (10)	10			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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