

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 4, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2617
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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2617, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAND USE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

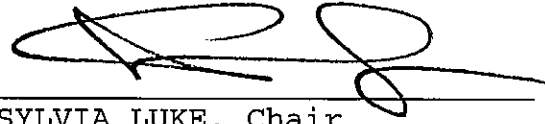
The purpose of this measure is to require the counties to submit adopted general plan amendments to the Land Use Commission (LUC) for review and petition the LUC to approve regional district boundary amendments. This measure also requires the LUC to conduct the five year regional boundary change review.

The Land Use Commission, County of Kauai Planning Department, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, Hawaii Association of Realtors, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, and Building Industry Association of Hawaii provided testimony in support of the measure. The League of Women Voters of Hawaii, Conservation Council for Hawaii, Hawaii's Thousand Friends, and many individuals provided testimony in opposition. The Office of Planning, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and City and County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2617, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sylvia Luke', written over a horizontal line.

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



