

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2294

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 3029  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred  
S.B. No. 3029 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN  
HOME LANDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate  
funds for the administrative and operating expenses of the  
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Association of  
Hawaiian Civic Clubs; Ka Lāhui Hawai'i Political Action Committee;  
Paukukalo Hawaiian Homes Community Association; Waimānalo Hawaiian  
Homes Association; Keaukaha Community Association; Kalama'ula Mauka  
Homestead Association; Pana'ewa Hawaiian Home Lands Community  
Association; Kailapa Community Association; Kapaakea Hawaiian  
Homestead Association; Moku O Keawe Homestead Alliance; KAFarmers  
Hui; Ho'omana Pono, LLC; Auamo I Na Alaka'i; Papakolea Community  
Development Corporation; and forty-six individuals. Your  
Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from  
the Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii State Constitution  
requires the Legislature to fund the administration and operating  
budget of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Your Committee  
also finds that the appropriation to the Department of Hawaiian



Home Lands for fiscal year 2015-2016 does not fully fund the administrative and operating expenses of the Department.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding a blank appropriation for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for fiscal year 2015-2016;
- (2) Removing the amount of the appropriation for fiscal year 2016-2017;
- (3) Changing the effective date of the measure to be upon approval; provided that the appropriation for fiscal year 2016-2017 shall be effective on July 1, 2016; and
- (4) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

Your Committee has heard the testimony of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and others asserting that the funds appropriated to the Department have been insufficient. Accordingly, your Committee requests that if your Committee on Ways and Means chooses to hear this measure that it appropriate funds to bring the total appropriation for the Department for fiscal year 2015-2016 to \$28,000,000, and also appropriate \$28,000,000 for the Department for fiscal year 2016-2017.

Your Committee also affirms that by law, the total appropriation of funds to any department or establishment in the State is and shall be set by the Legislature. This measure may not in any way be interpreted as a concession of this authority.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3029, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3029, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,



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MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair



