

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 483

S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Water and Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 483 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FORESTRY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands may utilize Hawaiian home lands for the forestry of koa or native trees. This measure further allows the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enter into public-private partnerships with regard to implementing a forestry plan.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Department of Land and Natural Resources, and one individual. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement and three individuals.

Your Committees find that this measure would clarify that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands can utilize Hawaiian home lands for forestry, something that it has in the past allowed through issuance of a license. Your Committees note the opposition to this measure by the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement on the grounds that forestry is not a purpose enumerated in the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act. However, your Committees further note the testimony of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands that the lands that would be used for forestry are lands that are not planned for residential usage.



Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting section 1, which would have established a new section in chapter 183, part II, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
- (2) Adding language to allow for forestry of koa and other native trees to section 204.5 of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Water and Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 483, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 483, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Hawaiian Affairs  
and Water and Land,

  
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LAURA H. THIELEN, Chair

  
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MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Hawaiian Affairs**  
**HWN**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 483</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HWN/WTL, WAM</b>	Date: <b>02/11/2015</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (C)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood (VC)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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\*Only one measure per Record of Votes

