

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2017

RE: H.B. No. 451  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred  
H.B. No. 451, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION  
ACT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to reduce the  
minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement of certain successors  
to lessees of Hawaiian home lands from one quarter to one thirty-  
second.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Office of Hawaiian  
Affairs; Kalamaula Homestead Association; Sovereign Council of  
Hawaiian Homelands Assembly; Ka Lāhui Hawaii Political Action  
Committee; Waiohuli Undivided Interest Lessees; Association of  
Hawaiian Civic Clubs; Ho'omana Pono, LLC; and numerous individuals.  
Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure  
from the Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies.

Your Committee finds that many descendants of lessees of  
Hawaiian home lands do not qualify as successors because  
interracial marriages and blended families produce descendants who  
are less than twenty-five percent Hawaiian. These disruptions  
create undue hardships of displacement and interfere with

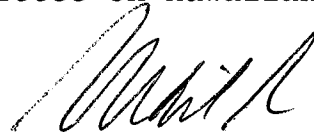


families' abilities to maintain the equity of their homes and businesses.

Your Committee has amended this measure by clarifying that it takes effect upon its approval by the Governor of the State of Hawaii and upon the consent of the United States Congress.

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 H.B. No. 451, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 451, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

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



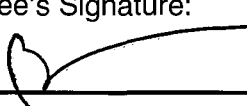
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MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB 451 HD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HWN, JDL</b>	Date: <b>3/14/2017</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)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓
GREEN, Josh	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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