

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 9, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 522

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 522 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to transfer the title, custody, and control of the following two parcels of land located on the island of Maui, from the State of Hawaii to the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC):

- (1) Parcel located at 175 South Puunene Avenue, identified as Tax Map Key No. 370120070000; and
- (2) Parcel located at 153 West Kaahumanu Avenue, identified as Tax Map Key No. 370040030000.

The Mayor of the County of Maui; Maui County Councilmember, Molokai District; Maui County Councilmember, Upcountry District; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and two individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DNLR) and an individual opposed this measure. HHFDC commented on this measure.

DLNR expressed concerns that Parcel 7, one of the parcels named in the measure, is set aside by Executive Order No. 4148 to DLNR's Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE). Parcel 7 currently serves as DOCARE's Maui Branch



office as an operations center for staff and for storage of vehicle, watercraft, and other high value equipment. According to DLNR, DOCARE would have no alternate site to relocate its facilities and equipment. Additionally, there is no funding provision in the measure for the relocation of either parcel mentioned.

Upon further consideration, your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to take effect upon a date to be determined, to facilitate further discussion on this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 522, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 522, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Water & Land.

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



TOM BROWER, Chair



