

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 13, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2358

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 2358, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

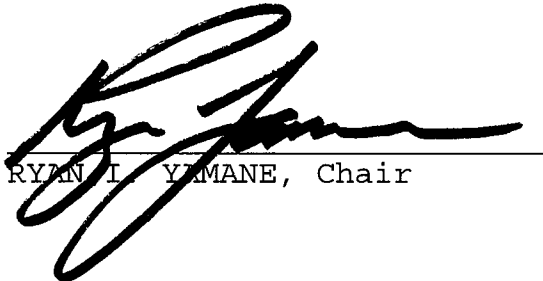
The purpose of this measure is to correct a statutory error that occurred when the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) was established from its predecessor agencies, the Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii and the Hawaii Housing Authority. Lands held by these agencies were excluded from the status of "public lands" under the jurisdiction of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. This measure corrects that error by specifying that lands to which HPHA holds title in its corporate capacity are exempt from the statutory definition of "public lands."

The HPHA supported this measure. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs submitted comments on this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2358, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water & Land,



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



