

Honolulu, Hawaii  
February 21, 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 Finance, 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:

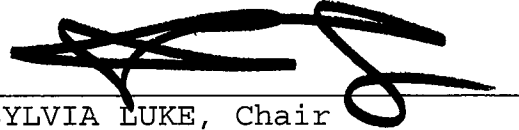
The purpose of this measure is to correct a statutory error that occurred when the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) was established from its predecessor agencies, the Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii and the Hawaii Housing Authority. Lands held by these agencies were previously 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 also exempt from the statutory definition of "public lands."

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority supported this measure. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Ka Lanui Hawai'i Political Action Committee, Ho'omana Pono, LLC, Ho'omanapono Political Action Committee, and several individuals opposed this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance 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 pass Third Reading.



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



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SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



