

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 464

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 2017

RE: S.B. No. 641

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Water and Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 641 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to add the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission or the Chairperson's designee as an ex officio voting member of the Commission on Water Resource Management.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Office of Hawaiian Affairs Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment Committee; Hawaiian Affairs Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and eighteen individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and one individual.

Your Committees find that water resources are an integral part of Native Hawaiian culture and practices. One of the goals in the Water Policy Plan of the Hawaiian Homes Commission is to "aggressively, proactively, consistently and comprehensively advocate for the kuleana of the beneficiaries."

Your Committees further find that this measure allows for greater advocacy for beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act. However, your Committees also want to caution against "opening the floodgates" to organizations who may want a

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seat on the Commission on Water Resource Management in the future. Thus, it is the intent of your Committees to limit additional membership to government entities, such as the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

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. 641 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



KARL RHOADS, Chair




MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair



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<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input 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	✓			
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)				✓
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.				✓
TOTAL	2	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Karl Rhoads</div>				
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