

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 7 - 2019

RE: S.B. No. 695  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred  
S.B. No. 695 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 require the  
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to digitize its applicant,  
beneficiary, and lessee records and appropriate funds for that  
purpose.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Kalamaula Homesteaders  
Association, and seven individuals.

Your Committee finds that the current waitlist for Hawaiian  
homelands leases has over twenty thousand applicants and  
applicants often wait years before receiving a lease offer. Your  
Committee further finds that digitizing the Department of Hawaiian  
Home Lands' applicant, beneficiary, and lessee records will  
increase the efficiency and transparency of this process.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Changing the source of the appropriation from the general fund to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands' vacancy savings; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

Your Committee notes concerns raised by the Attorney General that changing the appropriation funding source from the general fund to department vacancy savings may present a separation of powers concern. Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Ways and Means to consider funding from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands' base budget or deleting the appropriation language, since the Department has indicated that it is currently digitizing its records.

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 S.B. No. 695, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 695, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



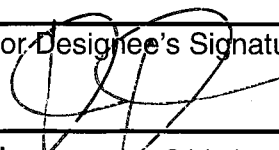
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MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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**HWN**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 695</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HWN, WAM</b>	Date: <b>01-31-19</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)	X			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i (VC)	X			
IHARA, Jr., Les	X			<del>KK</del>
KEOHOKALOPE, Jarrett				X
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24<sup>KK</sup></b>			<b>1<sup>KK</sup></b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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