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RE: H.B. No. 2588
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2588, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit lessees who sell or transfer their interest in a Hawaiian home lands tract from obtaining a subsequent lease for the same class of land, with certain exceptions.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Your Committee finds that certain native Hawaiians who have qualified for and acquired a Hawaiian home lands lease have subsequently sold or transferred their interest in the lease, then placed their name on the waitlist for a second lease of Hawaiian home lands. This practice has contributed to many otherwise eligible native Hawaiians never receiving a lease offer. This measure sees to address this issue by prohibiting lessees who sell or transfer their interest in a Hawaiian home lands tract from obtaining a subsequent lease for the same class of land, except in certain situations.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2588, 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 Judiciary,



CHRIS LEE, Chair



