

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2369

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred
S.B. No. 2369 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:

- (1) Require the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to
digitize its applicant, beneficiary, and lessee records;
and
- (2) Appropriate funds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this
measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Your Committee finds that while basic Department of Hawaiian
Home Lands applicant waiting lists are available for download on
the department's website, the exact details of each applicant,
including whether the person has applied for multiple leases, been
denied a prior lease, or been skipped over, is not readily
accessible, even for department staff. Beneficiary records of the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands are spread across multiple
locations. If a beneficiary seeks to determine his or her status,



finding and gathering that information can take weeks. This lack of organization has led to some lessees abusing the program by selling or transferring their leases and reapplying for a subsequent lease. This measure will require the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to digitize its beneficiary waiting lists and other related data which will help increase the efficiency of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and reduce lease award abuse by lessees.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 2369, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2369, 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,



MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB2369	Committee Referral: HWN, WAM	Date: 1/30/20		
<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)	✓			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i (VC)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes