

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2648

S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2648, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to clarify the status of certain lands that are under the jurisdiction of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Specifies that lands that are set aside by the Governor or leased by any department or agency of the State to the Hawaii Housing Finance Development Corporation are not "public lands";
- (2) Requires that the sale of any lands that are set aside by the Governor or leased by any department or agency of the State to the Hawaii Housing Finance Development Corporation are subject to legislative approval; and
- (3) Requires that lands that are leased by any department or agency of the State to the Hawaii Housing Finance Development Corporation that are no longer needed for housing, finance, or development shall be returned to the lessor agency.



Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Building Industry Association Hawaii, IMUA Alliance, and Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii.

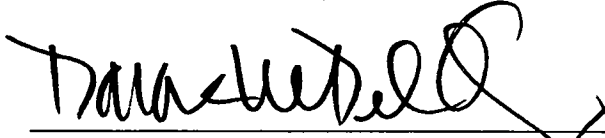
Your Committee finds that this measure will streamline the development process for affordable housing projects on state lands under the jurisdiction of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation by minimizing the number of approvals required from the Department of Land and Natural Resources as a project moves forward from the set-aside phase to the leasing, entitlement, financing, and development phases.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Reordering sections 2 and 3 to comport with accepted drafting conventions;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (3) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for purposes of clarity, style, and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2648, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2648, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
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DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



