

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3824

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 129
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.R. No. 129 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME
LANDS TO CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS AND PROVIDE DATA ON THE NUMBER
OF DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS BENEFICIARIES WHO HAVE
APPLIED FOR AND NEED HOUSING IN EACH COUNTY, BY INCOME
CLASSIFICATION AND UNIT TYPE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to conduct an analysis and
provide data on the number of Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
beneficiaries who have applied for and need housing in each
county, by income classification and unit type.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Hawaiian Affairs Caucus;
Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; and two
individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure
from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act
was passed to dedicate land and provide native Hawaiians the
stability, financial equity, and economic self-sufficiency that
comes from land and home ownership. Your Committee also finds
that the 2019 study conducted for the Hawaii Housing Development



corporation did not specifically include the housing needs of Hawaiian homes beneficiaries. This measure urges the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to address and fulfill the purpose of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act by providing data and analysis of the number of beneficiaries that have applied for and need housing.

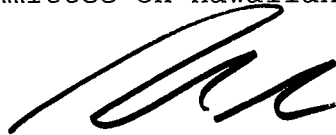
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that approximately ten thousand homesteads have been resettled rather than one hundred thousand;
- (2) Specifying that SMS Research & Marketing Services completed the 2019 Hawaii Housing Planning Study, which found that of the native Hawaiian households surveyed, eleven percent were living on Hawaiian homestead land (12,755 households) in 2019, similar to 2016;
- (3) Specifying that among native Hawaiian households, twenty percent had at least one member on the waitlist to receive a Department of Hawaiian Home Lands award (23,883 households) on which they intended to reside and of those households, only about three-quarters (seventy-three percent) were sure that they intend to have a house on that land;
- (4) Specifying that an additional 21,399 native Hawaiian households stated that they have a household member eligible to apply for a Hawaiian home lands lease but were not yet a leaseholder nor an applicant; and
- (5) 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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 129, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 129, S.D. 1.



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



MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair



