A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the explicit
- 2 creation of a statute of limitations applicable to inverse
- 3 condemnation actions against the State is warranted in light of
- 4 the Hawaii Supreme Court's decision in DW Aina Le'a Dev.,
- 5 LLC v. State Land Use Comm'n, 148 Haw. 396 (2020). Setting this
- 6 limitation by statute will bring certainty and predictability to
- 7 the time within which a plaintiff shall file this type of claim
- 8 against the State or be barred from pursuing the claim.
- 9 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish a
- 10 two-year statute of limitations for an inverse condemnation
- 11 claim brought against the State, including a claim brought under
- 12 article I, section 20, of the Hawaii State Constitution, which
- 13 provides that "[p]rivate property shall not be taken or damaged
- 14 for public use without just compensation."
- 15 SECTION 2. Chapter 657, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 16 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
- 17 and to read as follows:

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- 1 "§657- Two years; inverse condemnation. All actions
- 2 for an inverse condemnation against the State, including a claim
- 3 brought under article I, section 20, of the state constitution,
- 4 shall be commenced within two years after the cause of action
- 5 accrued."
- 6 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
- 7 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
- 8 begun before its effective date.
- 9 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.
- 10 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Report Title:

Statute of Limitations; Inverse Condemnation; Constitutional

Description:

Establishes a two-year statute of limitations for all actions for an inverse condemnation against the State, including a claim brought under article I, section 20, of the state constitution, regarding eminent domain. (HD1)

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