

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1023

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 19 2021

RE: H.B. No. 776  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred  
H.B. No. 776, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL  
PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST PUEO DEVELOPMENT, LLC,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the  
issuance of special purpose revenue bonds for a master planned  
development proposed by Pueo Development, LLC, on Hawaiian home  
lands for housing development, energy development systems,  
agricultural development, infrastructure development, and  
agriculture and processing enterprises.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Hawaiian Affairs  
Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Pueo Development, LLC;  
Waihouli Hawaiian Homesteaders Association, Inc.; and three  
individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure  
from the Department of Budget and Finance and Department of the  
Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that on December 3, 2018, the Waihouli  
Hawaiian Homestead Association, Inc. submitted a land use request  
to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands with a proposed master  
plan on approximately one hundred fifty acres for due diligence



studies, including a project master plan, related chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes, compliance requirements, and chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, compliance requirements. The proposed master plan includes the development of residential and agricultural lots, economic and educational opportunities, energy projects, and water source development through collaboration and partnerships for career development and employment opportunities. On May 30, 2019, a beneficiary consultation meeting was conducted to collect beneficiary input and feedback on the land use request. In July 2019, a beneficiary consultation report was submitted to the Hawaiian Homes Commission who voted to approve the issuance of a Right of Entry permit to conduct the necessary due diligence and project feasibility. On January 7, 2020, Right of Entry permit #688 was issued to the Waiohuli Hawaiian Homesteaders Association, Inc.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the authorized amount of the special purpose revenue bonds from \$80,000,000 to an unspecified sum; and
- (2) Deleting references of issuances of special purpose revenue bonds pursuant to part IX of chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee notes that although the appropriations are blank, the Waihoulu Hawaiian Homesteaders Association, Inc.'s testimony requests an appropriation of \$80,000,000 for a special purpose revenue bond.

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 H.B. No. 776, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 776, H.D. 1, 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,




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MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-First Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Hawaiian Affairs**  
**HWN**

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HB 776 HD1	HWN, WAM	3/16/2021		
<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)	X			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	X			
ACASIO, Laura	X			
IHARA, Jr., Les	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	5			
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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