

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 19 2021

RE: S.R. No. 37  
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  
S.R. No. 37 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL  
RESOURCES TO ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES TO STREAMLINE THE  
PROCESS FOR ALLOWING TRADITIONAL HAWAIIAN FARMING SYSTEMS ON  
CONSERVATION LANDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the  
Department of Land and Natural Resources to adopt administrative  
rules to streamline the process for allowing traditional Hawaiian  
farming systems on conservation lands.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Aha Moku Advisory Committee, Office of Hawaiian Affairs,  
and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this  
measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that traditional farming systems play a  
critical role in Hawaii and should be encouraged to promote  
greater self-sufficiency, crop diversity, and food security.  
Supporting these farming systems is critical towards helping the  
State achieve food security and increasing the domestic production  
of a local food supply. Currently, Native Hawaiian bona fide  
farmers face challenges in perpetuating traditional Hawaiian  
farming systems and practices in conservation districts that have



sustained our islands since time immemorial. The rules contemplated in this measure, if appropriately tailored, would help to facilitate ecologically compatible and environmentally sustainable traditional Native Hawaiian farming practices and approaches, thereby furthering the State's interest in food self-sufficiency, cultural perpetuation, and economic diversification.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding a clause to acknowledge that each petitioner for use of conservation lands should have a generational and traditional kupaaaina of the land they are farming or consult with native peoples of that specific ahupuaa to ensure that the crop is compatible with the ecosystem of that place; 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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 37, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 37, S.D. 1.

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



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MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair



