

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03, 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1434
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1434, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE COUNTIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize counties, after the adoption of ordinances, to sell property after all notices, orders, and appeal proceedings are exhausted to pay for:

- (1) The cost to the county of removing and completing necessary work related to any public nuisance, refuse, or uncultivated undergrowth; and
- (2) Unpaid civil fines related to that property.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two members of the Honolulu City Council and the Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committee finds that authorizing the counties to collect on liens filed on properties through a non-judicial foreclosure process provides some leverage over property owners to comply or lose their property. If a property owner fails to comply and the property is foreclosed upon, this measure would enable the property to be put to productive use, allow liens attached to the



property to be satisfied, and stop the accrual of additional debt or taxes on the property. This measure addresses the need of the counties to bring closure to pending civil fines imposed on property owners who are in violation of county land use and building ordinances.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1434, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



