

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 04 , 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1659  
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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1659, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAND LEASES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Board of Land and Natural Resources to:

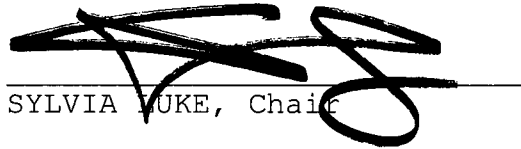
- (1) Amend and extend existing pasture leases for up to sixty-five years;
- (2) Issue new pasture leases by negotiation, if the lands are already under pastoral use and the issuance of the leases furthers public purposes; and
- (3) Develop agricultural and pasture lease rents based on the value of the land's agricultural uses.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Kapapala Ranch. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Ulupono Initiative; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Local Food Coalition; and one individual.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1659, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Finance,

  
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SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



