

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1788  
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 Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 1788 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WAIAKEA PENINSULA REDEVELOPMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to revitalize the Waiakea Peninsula area of Hilo by:

- (1) Establishing the Waiakea Peninsula Redevelopment District and planning committee for the redevelopment of public lands on the Waiakea Peninsula;
- (2) Establishing the Waiakea Peninsula Redevelopment District Revolving Fund; and
- (3) Making an appropriation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Planning Department of the County of Hawaii and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and League of Women Voters of Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and Department of Budget and Finance.



Your Committee finds that the Waiakea Peninsula is the premier tourism district in eastern Hawaii Island but has, over time, deteriorated into a dilapidated condition. This measure would help to revitalize an important part of the Hilo community.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that one of the sources of revenue for the Waiakea Peninsula Redevelopment District Revolving Fund is the revenues, income, and receipts from the public lands in the Waiakea Peninsula Redevelopment District that is established by the planning committee;
- (2) Making technical modifications to the membership of the planning committee;
- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests that your Committees on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs and Finance, should they choose to hear this measure, address the concerns raised by the Department of the Attorney General and Department of Budget and Finance in their written testimony.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1788, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1788, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Water & Land,



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DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



