

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 , 2022

RE: H.B. No. 2417
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. 2417 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Land and Natural Resources to review the final report of the House of Representatives' investigative committee established under House Resolution No. 164, Regular Session of 2021, for the purpose of developing proposed legislation; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for the Department to implement the report's recommendations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Land and Natural Resources testified that it has reviewed the final report, generally agrees with its recommendations, and is working to implement the report's recommendations.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding a requirement for the Department of Land and Natural Resources to conduct a policy analysis considering the State's land lease policy;
- (2) Amending a specification of the proposed legislation regarding reversionary interest and the value of improvements;
- (3) Adding exploration of the potential for using a Request for Interest process as a prior condition of all lease dispositions (e.g., auctions, extensions, or direct negotiations) as one of the issues to be addressed by the proposed legislation;
- (4) Expanding the scope of the appropriation to include conducting the policy analysis;
- (5) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 2417, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2417, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



