

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2021

RE: H.B. No. 545  
H.D. 1

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Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 545, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, with the assistance of the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, to digitize its beneficiary waiting lists and other related data by creating a digital database of its applicant, beneficiary, and lessee records and other relevant information.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Your Committee finds that while basic Department of Hawaiian Home Lands applicant waiting lists are available for download on its website, the exact details of each applicant, including whether the applicant has applied for multiple leases, been denied a prior lease, or been skipped over, is not readily accessible. Your Committee also notes that beneficiary records are spread across multiple locations. If a beneficiary seeks to determine their status, finding and gathering this information can take

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weeks. Your Committee further finds that compiling applicant information into a single database will help increase efficiency and reduce lease award abuse by lessees.

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. 545, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



