

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

526

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19 , 2021

RE: H.B. No. 900
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development, to which was referred
H.B. No. 900, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BROWNFIELDS CLEANUP
REVOLVING LOAN FUND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to enable the use of funds
from the Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund for environmental
site assessments and for sub-grants to eligible entities for
assessment and cleanup of brownfields.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and
Tourism; Department of Health; Office of Planning; and Department
of Planning and Permitting for the City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committee finds that brownfields are often underutilized
due to contamination or perceived contamination that hinders
redevelopment. Expanding the use of the Brownfields Cleanup
Revolving Loan Fund to enable sub-grants for cleanups,
environmental site assessments, and related activities will
benefit local communities by having more land to be developed for
affordable housing, public parks, and open areas.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 900, 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 Economic
Development,



SEAN QUINLAN, Chair



