

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2351
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 2351 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE LAND CONSERVATION FUND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Increase the percentage of the Land Conservation Fund that may be used for costs related to the operation, maintenance, and management of lands acquired by the fund;
- (2) Increase the maximum dollar amount of the conveyance tax distribution to the Land Conservation Fund; and
- (3) Appropriate funds from the Land Conservation Fund for the resource land acquisition.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Ke Ao Hali'i, Sierra Club Maui, Ma'alaea Village Association, Livable Hawaii Kai Hui, and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Hawai'i Association of REALTORS. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Hawai'i Land Trust, The Nature Conservancy, and The Trust for Public Land.




Your Committee finds that previous caps on the conveyance tax reduced Land Conservation Fund revenues. However, recent escalation in real estate market values has eroded the buying power of the Land Conservation Fund relative to its inception. Various heritage, recreational, biological, and cultural sites and lands across the State have been supported through contributions and key resources from the Land Conservation Fund. This measure will continue to support many cultural and recreational lands across the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2351, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2351, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

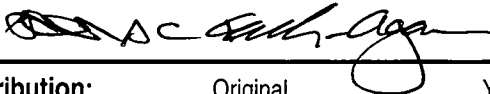
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water and Land,


LORRAINE R. INOUYE, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2351	Committee Referral: WTL, WAM	Date: 1/31/22		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
MISALUCHA, Bennette E.	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes