

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 16 2022**

RE: S.B. No. 2628  
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 Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 2628 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require any disposition of public lands under the jurisdiction of the Board or Department of Agriculture by public auction to be open to the public; and
- (2) Require the Board or Department of Agriculture, as applicable, to issue public advertisements for each public auction.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawaii Meats, LLC; Thompson Ranch; and twelve individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Agriculture and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc., and Hawai'i Farm Bureau.

Your Committee finds that public participation is crucial to the disposition of public lands. Additionally, public participation requires timely notice be given to members of the public. This measure promotes public participation in the



disposition of public lands by requiring the Board and Department of Agriculture to open public auctions to the public and issue public advertisements for each public auction.

Your Committee has amended this measure by limiting the provisions to disposition for new leases and not renegotiation of existing leases.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2628, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2628, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means.

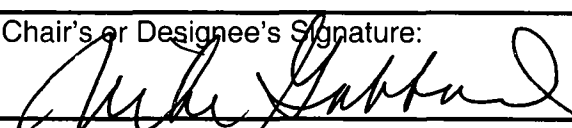
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Agriculture and  
Environment,

  
MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-First Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Agriculture and Environment**  
**AEN**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2028</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AEN, JDC/WAM</b>	Date: <b>02/04/22</b>		
<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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)				/
ACASIO, Laura		/		
RHOADS, Karl	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>
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