

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 3247
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 Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred
S.B. No. 3247 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to build apartments to address
the housing needs of native Hawaiians on the homestead waitlist.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this
measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on
this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Your Committee finds that in 2019, about 28,500 native
Hawaiian adults were on the waitlist for residential, farming, or
ranching homesteads. This number has not significantly decreased
in the current day despite plans to rectify the situation, and to
date, over two thousand native Hawaiian beneficiaries have died
while on the waitlist. The coronavirus 2019 pandemic has only
made life more difficult for those homeless or struggling to pay
rent while on the waitlist. The purpose of this measure is to
ameliorate this issue by constructing apartments on Hawaiian home
lands to more quickly reduce the number of native Hawaiians on the
waitlist.



Your Committee has amended this measure by expanding the housing plan to include rent-with-option-to-buy and other rental housing units, in addition to apartment housing.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3247, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3247, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
HWN

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 3247	Committee Referral: HWN, WAM	Date: 2/3/2022
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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (C)	X			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	X			
ACASIO, Laura	X			
IHARA, Jr., Les	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt			X	
TOTAL	4		1	

Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:

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