

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1476

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 2023

RE: S.C.R. No. 80

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred  
S.C.R. No. 80 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF  
HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO IDENTIFY RESOURCES NEEDED TO EXECUTE A  
PLAN TO REPAIR HOMES FOR SAFE HABITATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the  
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to identify resources needed to  
execute a plan to repair homes for safe habitation.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the  
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Your Committee finds that despite the efforts of the  
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to provide housing to  
beneficiaries on its waitlist, the Department is constrained by  
its limited inventory of housing-ready units and the practical  
reality that it can take months or even years to plan, design, and  
construct new housing projects. Notwithstanding, your Committee  
finds that certain Hawaiian Home Lands units in already-developed  
communities have remained unoccupied. Your Committee finds that  
this can occur due to a variety of reasons, such as the  
anticipation of a pending transfer or the need for repairs to  
restore a unit to habitability. Your Committee finds that the  
Department's ability to expediently fill tenant-unoccupied or  
vacant units is in the interest of beneficiaries. Therefore, this



measure requests the Department to develop a plan to quickly and efficiently identify properties that are unoccupied or in need of repairs, assist lessees in assessing repairs and finding financing, expedite pending lease transfers, and conduct contested hearings in a timely manner.

Lastly, your Committee has heard the testimony of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, expressing concerns that additional personnel and expertise may be necessary to develop and implement a proposed plan in conformance with the aspirations of this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 80 and recommends its adoption.

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



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MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair



