

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2917**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 01 2024**

RE: S.B. No. 2640  
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Ways and Means and Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 2640, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide to any beneficiary under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended, who is on the Department of Hawaiian Homes Lands waitlist, a cash award to purchase a residential lot outside of Department of Hawaiian Home Lands trust lands, or to pay the beneficiary's existing mortgage note or rent, in lieu of awarding the beneficiary a lease.

Your Committees received written comments in support of this measure from the Makaha Hawaiian Civic Club and five individuals.

Your Committees received written comments in opposition to this measure from the Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies.

Your Committees received written comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and one individual.

Your Committees recognize that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands lacks sufficient suitable land to provide leases to all



of the approximately twenty-four thousand Hawaiian home land beneficiaries on the Department's waitlist. Your Committees find that cash awards will serve as a reasonable alternative to direct leases, help the Department meet the housing needs of beneficiaries, and reduce the number of beneficiaries on its waitlist.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting clarifying language to accommodate potential variation in the amount of the cash award granted, subject to an unspecified maximum amount, for any qualifying beneficiary;
- (2) Clarifying that a beneficiary who accepts a cash award as proposed by the measure shall relinquish the beneficiary's right to receive a lease award directly from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act; and
- (3) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Ways and Means and Judiciary that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2640, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2640, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Ways and Means  
and Judiciary,



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



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DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



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SB 2640 SDI	HWN, WAM/JDC	2/22/24		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn		X		
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt			X	WESB
<b>TOTAL</b>	11	1	1	WESB
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: _____				
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 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
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	5	—	—	—

Recommendation:  Adopted     Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:  
*Mike Gabbard*

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