

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1517

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 1517 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a lottery system for the leasing of cabins on public lands for recreation-residence use.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Kōke'e Leaseholders Association, and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that the rents charged for cabins on public lands are not affordable for local families. This measure establishes a more fair and equitable process for prospective lessees to acquire affordable leases for cabins on public lands for recreation-residence use.

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. 1517 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.



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


LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



