

Honolulu, Hawaii  
, 2024

**MAR 27**

RE: H.C.R. No. 220  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 220 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EMPOWERING RESIDENTS'  
SOVEREIGNTY OVER GREEN SPACES FOR FOOD PRODUCTION, CULTURAL  
ACTIVITIES, AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to recommend that the Hawaii Public Housing Authority make certain changes to its policies relating to the use of its land.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition and Climate Protectors Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that public housing residents should be empowered to utilize green spaces for food production, cultural activities, and the development of climate-resilient and welcoming natural spaces.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Encouraging the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to create green spaces for food production, cultural activities, and climate resilience; consider actions

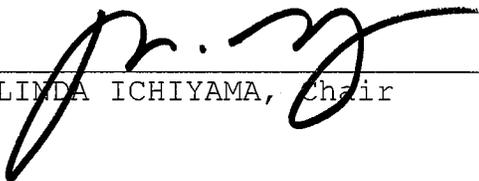


that allow for in-ground planting, resident use of green spaces, facilitated community engagement, sustainable agriculture, and climate-resilient landscapes; and consider the provision of technical and financial assistance;

- (2) Modifying its title to reflect its amended scope;
- (3) Requesting the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to collaborate with residents of public housing in implementing the recommendations outlined in this measure;
- (4) Adding the Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority as a recipient of a certified copy of the measure; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 220, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 220, H.D. 1.

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

FOR   
LINDA ICHIYAMA, Chair



