

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

712

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 1087
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.B.
No. 1087 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION
REVIEWS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow the Department of
Hawaiian Home Lands to review the effect of any proposed project
on historic properties or burial sites for lands under its
jurisdiction, except in certain cases.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and Office of Hawaiian
Affairs. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this
measure from the Historic Hawai'i Foundation. Your Committee
received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and
Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that historic preservation review is
necessary to ensure the preservation of the State's historical and
cultural heritage. Your Committee further finds that because of
the high volume of requests and specialized knowledge needed to
conduct a historic preservation review, the review process can
often delay the completion of development projects. Allowing the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to assume responsibility for

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conducting historical preservation reviews on lands under its jurisdiction, as proposed by this measure, will streamline the historic preservation review process and ensure the timely review of projects proposed on lands under the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands' jurisdiction.

Your Committee further finds that the island burial councils, responsible for overseeing the preservation of burial sites, are currently established within the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your Committee believes the Office of Hawaiian Affairs would be a more appropriate agency to house and support the island burial councils.


Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to consult with the appropriate island burial council if the proposed project impacts a burial site or if a burial site is inadvertently discovered;
- (2) Transferring the administrative placement of the island burial councils from the Department of Land and Natural Resources to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) 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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1087, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1087, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.



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



MARK J. HASHEM, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Water & Land

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1087	Committee Referral: WAL, JHA	Date: 2/13/2025		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
WAL Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HASHEM, Mark J. (C)	✓			
2. LAMOSAO, Rachele F. (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
5. IWAMOTO, Kim Coco	✓			
6. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
7. POEPOE, Mahina				✓
8. WOODSON, Justin H.				✓
9. SHIMIZU, Garner M.		✓		
10. SOUZA, Kanani	✓			
TOTAL (10)	7	1	0	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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