

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1232

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 2025

RE: H.B. No. 778
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Water and Land and Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred H.B. No. 778, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTEGRATED LAND USE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to develop an integrated land use study that incorporates the various climate and sustainability goals and studies to serve as a guide for planning and decision-making on the use of agricultural lands.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, 350Hawaii.org, Hawaii Food+ Policy, and one individual.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committees find that the State has mandated multiple climate, sustainability, and affordable housing targets. Your Committees further find that with only four million acres of total land, the State faces immense pressure as affordable housing, renewable energy, and agriculture compete for limited space within the roughly two million acres belonging to the State's Agricultural District. Your Committees also find that a



comprehensive, data-driven study is necessary to assess current land use, identify conflicts, and develop balanced solutions to ensure land use planning reflects the State's statutory mandates and policy commitments. Accordingly, this measure requires the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to conduct an integrated land use study to balance these competing priorities while ensuring that agriculture remains a viable and protected industry in the State.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water and Land and Agriculture and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 778, H.D. 2, and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Water and Land
and Agriculture and
Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Water and Land
WTL

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB778 HD2	WTL/AEN, WAM	03/19/25		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley				✓
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.				✓
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; margin-top:10px;">  </div>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes

