STAND. COM. REP. NO. 666

Honolulu, Hawaii Merch 5, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 921 H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2009 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources, to which was referred H.B. No. 921 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to allow 999-year homestead leases to be assigned to land trusts that are created to manage and hold the leasehold estate for the benefit of the lessee and the lessee's family members.

The Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation and several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Department of Land and Natural Resources and several concerned individuals opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by clarifying that when a homestead lease is assigned to a land trust, the trustee of the land trust may assume the obligations of the lessee under the homestead lease.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 921, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 921, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.



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

KEN ITO, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB921	WLO	0	2/27/	09
□ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Dess, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Dess, Hold				
Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
WLO Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ITO, Ken (C)				
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2. HAR, Sharon E. (VC)				
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4. CHANG, Jerry L.				\checkmark
5. CHONG, Pono				
6. COFFMAN, Denny				
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7. HERKES, Robert N.				
8. LEE, Chris				
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9. LUKE, Sylvia				
10. MORITA, Hermina M.				
11. SAGUM, Roland D., III				
12. CHING, Corinne W.L.				
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13. THIELEN, Cynthia				
TOTAL (13)	7			6
The recommendation is: Adopted 🛛 Not Adopted				
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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