

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2473

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2018

RE: S.B. No. 2557

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred
S.B. No. 2557 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAIIAN HOME LAND
BENEFICIARIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow Hawaiian
homestead lessees who meet the minimum Hawaiian blood quantum
requirement to pass their lease to their adopted children.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu, Ho'omanapono Political
Action Committee, and three individuals. Your Committee received
comments on this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home
Lands and Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that the benefit of Hawaiian homestead
leases should be available for all members of a family, including
those who are adopted into the family; provided that the adopted
child also meets the minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement
for lease successorship.

Your Committee has amended this measure as suggested by the
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and Department of the Attorney
General by:



- (1) Requiring that adopted children must meet the minimum Hawaiian blood quantum requirement, prior to adoption, in order to be a successor of the lease;
- (2) Deleting the retroactive application of this measure and making the measure apply instead to Hawaiian homestead leases existing as of the effective date of this measure or issued on or after the effective date of this measure; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2557, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2557, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,



MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair



Record of Votes
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes