

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3324

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 28 2018

RE: S.R. No. 55
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Water and Land and Public Safety,
Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, to which was referred
S.R. No. 55 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PURCHASE, PRESERVATION, AND
RESTORATION OF AGRICULTURAL AND CONSERVATION LANDS IN
MAUNAWILI VALLEY, O'AHU, AND URGING VARIOUS FEDERAL, STATE,
AND COUNTY ENTITIES TO ACQUIRE AND PROTECT IMPORTANT ANCIENT
AND HISTORIC SITES AND TRAILS AND WATERS IN MAUNAWILI
VALLEY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Support the purchase, preservation, and restoration of
agricultural and conservation lands in Maunawili Valley;
and
- (2) Urge various federal, state, and county entities to
acquire and protect important ancient and historic sites
and trails and waters in Maunawili Valley.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Office of
Planning, Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i,
O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic
Party of Hawai'i, Hawaii Agriculture Research Center, Hui



Maunawili-Kawainui, Hui Kawainui-Kailua Ka Wai Ola, Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club, Halau Mōhala 'Ilima, The Trust for Public Land, Pacific American Foundation, Kailua Historical Society, Ho'omanapono Political Action Committee, 'Ahahui Mālama I ka Lōkahi, Hika'alani, and approximately twenty-five individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31.

Your Committees find that Maunawili Valley contains wetlands, streams, and freshwater springs that provide most of the water that flows to the Kawainui Marsh ecosystem, and more than fifty springs and smaller streams, including Maunawili Stream, the most significant stream in the Kailua ahupua'a. Ancient and historic sites throughout Maunawili Valley include heiau (temple or sacred site), sacred stones, petroglyphs, Hawaiian burials, alanui (path or trail), house sites, grinding stones, irrigated and dryland agricultural terraces, large 'auwai (irrigation ditches) related to extensive lo'i (taro patches), and nineteenth and early twentieth century structures related to agriculture and food production. There is a need to protect and conserve the Maunawili wetlands and semi-wetlands; Maunawili's Hanalei soil, which is the most fertile soil in Hawai'i; fresh water resources; ancient and historic sites; and historic trails within the vital context of agricultural sustainability.

Your Committees further find that HRT Realty, LLC, owner of more than one thousand acres in Maunawili, has expressed interest in selling its Maunawili lands, or a significant portion thereof, to the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Department of Agriculture, which creates a prime opportunity for the State to acquire and protect these important, historical, and culturally significant lands. In partnership with The Trust for Public Land, Hui Maunawili-Kawainui, and the Kailua community, this measure provides a mechanism to secure Maunawili's irreplaceable resources for future generations.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, and Board members of Hui Maunawili-Kawainui as recipients; and



- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water and Land and Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 55, as amended herein, and recommend that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 55, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Water and Land
and Public Safety,
Intergovernmental, and Military
Affairs,


CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair


KARL RHOADS, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SR 55</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">WTL/PSM WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">3/23/18</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <small>2312</small></div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <small>2311</small></div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Hold <small>2310</small></div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit <small>2313</small></div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	/			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	/			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				/
IHARA, Jr., Les	/			
THIELEN, Laura H.	/			
TOTAL	4	-	-	1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-left: 50px;">Laura Thiele</div>				
Distribution: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">Original File with Committee Report</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Yellow Clerk's Office</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Pink Drafting Agency</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Goldenrod Committee File Copy</div> </div>				

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