STAND. COM. REP. NO. [2]

Honolulu, Hawaii

FER 10 ' 2021

RE: H.B. No. 1344 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-First State Legislature Regular Session of 2021 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 1344 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to expand the use of agricultural land leases on Hawaiian home lands by:

- (1) Removing the acreage restrictions on leases of Hawaiian home lands for agricultural purposes; and
- (2) Specifying that the agricultural land leases shall be subject to the availability of suitable tracts of land and may be for either for-profit or non-profit purposes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Molokai Farm Bureau and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act (HHCA) as originally enacted by Congress authorized the Hawaiian Homes Commission to lease not less than twenty nor more than eighty acres of agricultural lands. The HHCA currently authorizes

the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to lease no more than forty acres of agricultural lands.

Your Committee has amended this measure by clarifying that the availability of agricultural land leases for agricultural purposes shall depend on the priority of availability of suitable tracts of land to native Hawaiians.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1344, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1344, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Agriculture,

MARK J. HASHEM. Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture

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θ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: θ Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) θ Hold θ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
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6. TODD, Chris				
7. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	V	S. Law Months		North Control
8. MATSUMOTO, Lauren	√			
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TOTAL (8)	8			
The recommendation is: Adopted θ Not Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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