

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **220**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 , 2021

RE: H.B. No. 755
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 Culture, Arts, & International Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 755 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE WORKS OF ART SPECIAL FUND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to exclude buildings developed by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for residential use by beneficiaries from the general requirement to transfer one per cent of capital improvement appropriations for the construction or renovation of State buildings be transferred to the Works of Art Special Fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and Hawaii Contemporary. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from State Foundation on Culture and Arts.

Your Committee finds that approximately 28,000 adult Native Hawaiians are currently waiting for residential, farming, or ranching homesteads from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Your Committee further finds that clearing the backlog of beneficiaries may take up to one hundred and ten years. Your



Committee believes that excluding buildings developed by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for residential use by beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended, from the general requirement that one per cent of capital improvement appropriations for state buildings be transferred to the Works of Art Special Fund will meaningfully increase the development of residential buildings by the Department.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2065, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 755, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 755, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Culture, Arts, &
International Affairs,



CEDRIC ASUEGA GATES, Chair



