

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **678**-22

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 , 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1788
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1788, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WAIAKEA PENINSULA REDEVELOPMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to revitalize the Waiakea Peninsula area of Hilo by:

- (1) Establishing the Waiakea Peninsula Redevelopment District and Waiakea Planning Committee for the redevelopment of public lands on the Waiakea Peninsula;
- (2) Establishing the Waiakea Peninsula Redevelopment District Revolving Fund; and
- (3) Making an appropriation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Mayor of the County of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Primary Care Association, and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and League of Women Voters of Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the



Department of Budget and Finance and Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that the Waiakea Peninsula serves an important function in supporting the island of Hawaii's tourism industry. However, public lands on the Waiakea Peninsula have deteriorated or become dilapidated or obsolete over the years. Since the State owns a large part of the Waiakea Peninsula, it has the primary responsibility to oversee the redevelopment of the area to ensure that it does not deteriorate further and detrimentally impact the economy of the community as a whole.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the purpose section of this measure to further explain the need for the measure and distinguish the Waiakea Peninsula from other public lands;
- (2) Renaming the "Waiakea Planning Committee" as the "Waiakea Redevelopment and Planning Committee" and clarifying that the committee is a redevelopment and planning committee;
- (3) Deleting language transferring the management of public lands within the Waiakea Peninsula Redevelopment District to the Waiakea Redevelopment and Planning Committee;
- (4) Deleting language that authorized the Waiakea Redevelopment and Planning Committee to lease public lands in the Waiakea Peninsula Redevelopment District;
- (5) Clarifying that the Waiakea Redevelopment and Planning Committee's authorization to renew or renegotiate any lease in connection with any project contained in the redevelopment plan for the designated district be on terms and conditions as the committee deems advisable; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this



report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1788, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1788, H.D. 2.

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


MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



