

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 , 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2623
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

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 S.B. No. 2623, S.D. 2, 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 prohibit lessees who sell or transfer their interest in a Hawaiian home lands tract from being placed on the waiting list maintained by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for an additional lease.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Your Committee finds that certain Native Hawaiians who are eligible for a lease pursuant to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended, have acquired a lease, sold or transferred their interest in the lease, and then placed their name on the waiting list for a second lease of Hawaiian home lands. This has contributed to many otherwise eligible Native Hawaiians never receiving a lease offer. Your Committee believes that all Department of Hawaiian Home Lands beneficiaries should be able to



enter the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act program with a reasonable expectation of eventually receiving a lease.

Your Committee has amended this measure by 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 S.B. No. 2623, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2623, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: <i>SB2623, SD2</i>	Committee Referral: <i>JHA, FIN</i>	Date: <i>3-15-22</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)	✓			
2. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. (VC)	✓			
3. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
4. KOBAYASHI, Dale T.			✓	
5. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.	✓			
6. LOWEN, Nicole E.	✓			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.				✓
8. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.		✓		
9. TAKUMI, Roy M.	✓			
10. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
11. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (11)	<i>8</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="margin-left: 150px;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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