

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3228

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 17 2022**

RE: S.R. No. 9  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2022  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred  
S.R. No. 9 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN  
HOME LANDS IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT VERY LOW INCOME  
NATIVE HAWAIIAN BENEFICIARIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request that the  
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands implement programs that would  
support very low income beneficiaries and establish various  
prospective plans that could be used.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i  
and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this  
measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and Kūpuna for  
the Mo'opuna.

Your Committee finds that the waitlist for residential and  
farming homesteads reached 28,500 native Hawaiian adults in 2019  
and remains around 28,000 adults today, despite pledges of money  
and programs to rectify the situation. Furthermore, Hawaii has  
one of the worst homeless rates in the country, with some of the  
highest average mortgage rates. Considering that the public land  
trust is for the benefit of the native Hawaiian people, this  
measure requests the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to



implement programs to support these very low income native Hawaiian beneficiaries.

Your Committee notes that some counties currently allow living in temporary structures with wheels on vacant lands.

Your Committee has amended this measure by clarifying the potential solutions requested to be considered by the Department of Hawaiian Homelands to be:

- (1) Awarding vacant land leases which could be used to live in county approved temporary structures with an accompanying Department of Health approved wastewater treatment system;
- (2) Duplicating the Puuhonua O Waianae model on every island possibly through awarding general leases to homestead groups; and
- (3) Requesting the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to provide rental assistance, mortgage assistance, and down payment assistance subject to eligibility criterion and sufficient funds.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 9, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 9, S.D. 1.

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



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MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-First Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Hawaiian Affairs**  
**HWN**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SR 9</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HWN</b>	Date: <b>3/10/22</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (C)	X			
KEOHOKALOOLE, Jarrett (VC)	X			
ACASIO, Laura	X			
IHARA, Jr., Les	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt		X		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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