

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3692

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 05 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2218  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 2218, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, as amended, to increase the loan limit for direct loans provided by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands from fifty percent to seventy-five percent of the maximum single residence loan amount allowed in Hawaii by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Federal Housing Administration.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, one member of the Hawai'i County Council, Makaha Hawaiian Civic Club, and four individuals.

Your Committees find that costs associated with buying and building homes have gone up significantly in recent years. Your Committees believe that the current limit on loan amounts of fifty percent of the maximum single resident loan amount in the State is unnecessary and unreasonably constrains native Hawaiian beneficiaries' ability to finance the building and purchasing of



homes on Hawaiian homelands. This measure will help Department of Hawaiian Home Lands beneficiaries to purchase or make improvements to their homes.

Your Committees have amended this measure by inserting language requiring the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to provide financial literacy education for all borrowers.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2218, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2218, H.D. 1, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Judiciary and  
Ways and Means,

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair

  
KARL RHOADS, Chair





The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312    
  Pass, with amendments 2311    
 Hold 2310    
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo				X
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	12	0	0	1

Recommendation:      Adopted      Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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