

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2155

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 07 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2645
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2645 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMPLIANCE ON HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a compliance and enforcement program within the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to investigate complaints, conduct investigations, and cooperate with law enforcement authorities to ensure compliance with laws.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Wai'anae Valley Homestead Community Association; Keaukaha Community Association; Ho'omana Pono, LLC; Kapalama Neighborhood Security Watch; and eight individuals.

Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement and two individuals.

Your Committees find that the health and safety of homestead communities is a top priority. Illegal activity occurring on Hawaiian Home Lands threatens the health and safety of the



community. This issue is exacerbated by law enforcement's inconsistent responses to illegal activity on Hawaiian Home Lands across the counties. This measure will provide for enforcement personnel dedicated to Hawaiian Home Lands.

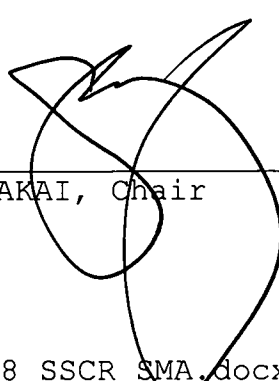
Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation amount from \$500,000 to a blank amount; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

Your Committees note that \$2,000,000 is an approximate amount for the establishment of a compliance and enforcement program within the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Your Committees also note that Senate Bill No. 490, S.D. 2 (2023), a carryover measure from the Regular Session of 2023, is similar in intent and purpose to this measure, includes language recommended by the Department of Law Enforcement, and may still be considered this session.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2645, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2645, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Ways and Means and Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Hawaiian Affairs
and Public Safety and
Intergovernmental and Military
Affairs,



GLENN WAKAI, Chair



MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
PSM

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 2645</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HWN/PSM, WAM/JOC</i>	Date: <i>2/1/24</i>		
<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
WAKAI, Glenn (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol				✓
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Karl Rhoads</i>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes

