

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2331

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2835  
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 2835 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HISTORIC PROPERTY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend the definition of "historic property" to include buildings and structures that are registered on the Hawaii Register of Historic places, objects, districts, areas, or sites that predate August 21, 1959.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from NAIOP Hawaii, Hawai'i Association of REALTORS, and Hawai'i YIMBY.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Historic Hawai'i Foundation and Society for Hawaiian Archaeology.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that currently, the backlog of historic reviews is encumbering permits throughout the State. Reviews by the State Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources are significantly slowing down the



permitting process and adding costs and delays to a substantial number of projects. Consequently, much needed housing, economic development, and critical infrastructure projects often face significant delays in permit approvals and project implementation, which result in decreased economic and construction activity and the delivery of housing units. This measure will address delays in the development of affordable housing and critical infrastructure in the State due to the significant backlog of much-needed projects awaiting review by the State Historic Preservation Division.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2835, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2835, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Water and Land,

  
LORRAINE R. INOUÉ, Chair

The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Water and Land**  
**WTL**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2835</b>	Committee Referral: <b>WTL, JDC</b>	Date: <b>02/07/2024</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
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt		✓		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>ϕ</b>	<b>ϕ</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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**\*Only one measure per Record of Votes**