

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1314

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 17, 2023

RE: S.B. No. 81
S.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 81, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that all powers and duties of the Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Department of Land and Natural Resources pursuant to chapters 183C and 171, Hawaii Revised Statutes, pertaining to areas designated under the state conservation district on lands identified and defined as "Mauna Kea lands" will be retained and will not be transferred to the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority upon the expiration of the five-year transition period pursuant to Act 255, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee notes the testimony of the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority indicating the Authority's desire to review Act 255, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, in its



totality and make comprehensive recommendations to the Legislature on matters that may require further clarification or changes.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 81, S.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

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



LINDA ICHIYAMA, Chair



