

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 29**, 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2692  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2692 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE MAUNA KEA STEWARDSHIP AND OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize two or more members of the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority, including a number of members that would constitute a quorum, to meet during the transition period for stewardship of Mauna Kea, subject to certain conditions; and
- (2) Clarify that the Authority has state sovereign immunity.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Public First Law Center; KAHEA: The Hawaiian-Environmental Alliance; League of Women Voters of Hawaii; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Information Practices.



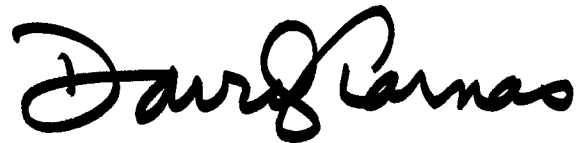
Your Committee finds that the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority was established to provide the Native Hawaiian community sufficient and genuine input on the management of Mauna Kea to further facilitate a more harmonious coexistence of activities atop Mauna Kea in a culturally sensitive manner. Because the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority has a limited amount of time to determine and establish several key frameworks and plans for the management of Mauna Kea, it is critical to provide the Authority with some flexibility during the transition period to meet in settings to find solutions to the difficult matters it faces.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2692, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2692, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



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DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



