STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2253

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 1 2 2024

RE: S.B. No. 3157 S.D. 1

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

Sir:

State of Hawaii

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 3157 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DIRECT NEGOTIATION FOR PUBLIC LAND LEASES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to expand the disposition of public land leases through direct negotiation to include agricultural, commercial, industrial, resort, and hotel purposes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and one individual.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the League of Women Voters of Hawaii, UNITE HERE! Local 5, and two individuals.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from one member of the Hawai'i County Council.

Your Committee finds that the public auction process normally used to dispose of public land leases is too protracted, cumbersome, and uncertain to the extent that is has deterred participation by potential lessees. Expediting the leasing

process may make properties more attractive to prospective lessees and create a long-term revenue stream. This measure will facilitate the productive use of lands for agricultural, commercial, industrial, hotel, and resort purposes to create economic development and growth, additional jobs, and increased public and private revenues.

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. 3157, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3157, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

LORRAINE R. INOUYE, Chair

The Senate Thirty-Second Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Water and Land WTL

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee WTL	Referral:	M Da	te: 02/07/	2024
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)		/			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)					
CHANG, Stanley		V			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.					
FEVELLA, Kurt				V	
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Recommendation: Not Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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