

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 198

Honolulu, Hawaii
FEB 06 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 1358
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.B.
No. 1358 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PUBLIC LAND TRUST WORKING
GROUP,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the
Office of Hawaiian Affairs for the hiring of necessary staff and
the purchase of equipment and professional services on behalf of
the Public Land Trust Working Group.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Office of
Hawaiian Affairs; one trustee of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs;
Malama Kaua'i; Hawaiian Nationals Regardless of Race; Nohopapa
Hawaii, LLC; Hana Health; Ko'olauloa Hawaiian Civic Club; The
Spoehr Foundation; Naalehu Theatre; Ka Lahui Hawai'i; and numerous
individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to
this measure from the Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies and
one individual.

Your Committee finds that Act 226, Session Laws of Hawaii
2022, established a Public Lands Trust Working Group (Working
Group) to determine the pro rata share of income and proceeds from
the Public Land Trust due annually to the Office of Hawaiian

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Affairs. Your Committee further finds that the Working Group has determined that information in the Public Land Trust Information System (PLTIS) developed and maintained by the Department of Land and Natural Resources is based in part on self-reporting of revenues by state agencies and counties and there has not been a third-party independent audit, review, or evaluation of the thoroughness or accuracy of the PLTIS, including existing reporting practices and determinations of what lands should be included or excluded from the PLTIS database. This measure is intended to support the efforts of the Working Group in accurately determining the pro rata share of income and proceeds due to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs by appropriating funds for a third-party review of the PLTIS.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

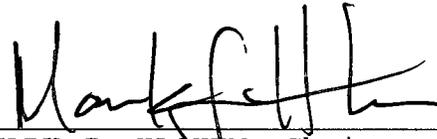
- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$1,000,000.

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 H.B. No. 1358, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1358, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.



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



MARK J. HASHEM, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Water & Land

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1358	Committee Referral: WAL, JHA, FIN	Date: 2/4/2025		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
WAL Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HASHEM, Mark J. (C)	✓			
2. LAMOSAO, Rachele F. (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda	/			
5. IWAMOTO, Kim Coco	✓			
6. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
7. POEPOE, Mahina	✓			
8. WOODSON, Justin H.	/			
9. SHIMIZU, Garner M.	✓			
10. SOUZA, Kanani	✓			
TOTAL (10)	10	0	0	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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