

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1753

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2025

RE: H.B. No. 606  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 606, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to facilitate the provision of housing for Hawaiian Home Lands beneficiaries.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Extends the sunset date for the Act 279 special fund from June 30, 2026, to June 30, 2028;
- (2) Requires the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to submit to the Legislature:
  - (A) No later than December 10, 2025, a strategic plan relating to waitlisted beneficiaries and infrastructure and land development projects; and
  - (B) Annual reports relating expenditures, progress on certain activities, and waitlisted beneficiaries; and



- (3) Appropriates moneys into and out of the Act 279 special fund for the purposes of the measure and the purposes of Act 279, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, ACLU of Hawaii, Kuleana Ka Aina, Ka Lahui Hawaii, and nine individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands currently requires funding for repairs, maintenance, and mercantile projects.

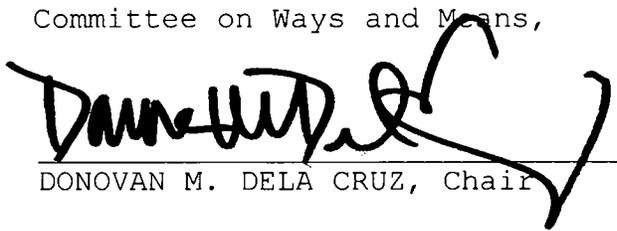
Your Committee has amended this measure by deleting its contents and inserting an unspecified appropriation to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, to be allocated as follows:

- (1) \$25,000,000 for lump sum repair and maintenance; and
- (2) \$25,000,000 for mercantile projects pursuant to section 207(c)(1)(B) of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended.

Your Committee notes that the aggregated amount of allocated funding in the amended measure is at the same funding level set by the Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Housing, which served as the joint subject matter committees on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 606, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 606, H.D. 1, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Third Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
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**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB606 HD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HWN/HOU, WAM</b>	Date: <b>4/3/25</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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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