

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 10 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 871
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 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 871 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that Act 130, Session Laws of Hawaii 2024, which amended the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act to increase the loan limit for direct loans provided by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, takes effect on either the date of the Secretary of the Interior's notification letter that Act 130 does not require congressional approval, or on the date that the United States Congress approval becomes law.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that Act 130, Session Laws of Hawaii 2024, increases the loan limit for direct loans provided by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to seventy-five percent of the maximum single residence loan amount allowed in Hawaii by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Federal Housing Administration, rather than the fifty percent as outlined in the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920. However, Act 130 contained an error with respect to recognizing the appropriate

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approval procedure for its enactment. This measure corrects Act 130 to accurately reflect the necessary approval process for the enactment of laws that amend the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment 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. 871, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 871, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



