

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1688

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 28 , 2025

RE: H.R. No. 59

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.R. No. 59 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LAND USE COMMISSION TO COORDINATE WITH COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSIONS AND COUNTY COUNCILS TO CONDUCT CONCURRENT REVIEWS OF GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENTS, DISTRICT BOUNDARY AMENDMENTS, AND ZONING AMENDMENTS WHEN RECLASSIFYING LAND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Land Use Commission to coordinate with county planning commissions and county councils to conduct concurrent reviews of general plan amendments, district boundary amendments, and zoning amendments when reclassifying land.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development and Land Use Commission.

Your Committee finds that while the Land Use Commission is responsible for classifying all lands in the State, the counties are responsible for overseeing planning and zoning under their respective general plans and zoning ordinances. Your Committee further finds that because of this division of responsibilities, any significant changes in land use require a three-step process that involves the counties making a general plan amendment, the

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Land Use Commission making a state district boundary amendment, and the counties making a county zoning amendment, with each amendment processed separately and sequentially. Your Committee believes that encouraging the Land Use Commission and counties to coordinate and hold concurrent reviews for these amendments will significantly expedite the land use reclassification and rezoning process while still maintaining the integrity and thoroughness of each review.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 59 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

for 
MARK J. HASEN, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Water & Land

Bill/Resolution No.: HR 59	Committee Referral: WAL, FIN	Date: 3/25/2025		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)	8	1	1	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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