

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3373**

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 2026

RE: H.B. No. 1087
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land, Culture and the Arts, to which was referred H.B. No. 1087, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION
REVIEWS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to assume historic preservation review of the effect of any proposed project for lands under its jurisdiction, except under certain circumstances.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and four individuals.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committees find that historic preservation review is necessary to ensure the conservation of the State's historical and cultural heritage, however it can delay the completion of housing projects due to the specialized knowledge needed and high volume of requests received. This measure would streamline the historic



preservation review process and ensure the timely review of projects proposed on lands under the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands' jurisdiction.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an appropriation of \$400,000 for the establishment of the following positions:
 - (A) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) historic preservation specialist;
 - (B) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) archaeologist;
 - (C) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) architectural historian; and
 - (D) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) cultural historian;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2026; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Water, Land, Culture and the Arts that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1087, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1087, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Hawaiian Affairs
and Water, Land, Culture and
the Arts,



CHRIS LEE, Chair



HERBERT M. RICHARDS, III, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
HWN

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1087 HD 2	HWN/WLA, JDC	03-24-2024		
<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
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (C)	✓			
LAMOSAO, Rachele (VC)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett				✓
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes

