

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1077-26

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2218
H.D. 2

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2218, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Department of Land and Natural Resources to enter into community co-management agreements and the disposition of public lands by a community co-management agreement; and
- (2) Establish qualifications for eligible community co-managers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Office of the Mayor, County of Kaua'i; Office of Economic Development, County of Kaua'i; one member of the Kaua'i County Council; Maui Ocean Marine Institute; Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Malama Kaua'i; Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo; Agriculture Stewardship Hawai'i; Hawai'i Community Foundation; Hawai'i Ocean Legislative Task Force; Hawai'i Conservation Alliance Foundation;

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Hawai'i Alliance for Community-Based Economic Development; Hui Maka'āinana O Makana; The Nature Conservancy Hawai'i and Palmyra; Mālama Pūpūkea-Waimea; Ho'āla Kealakekua Nui, Inc.; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Mentioning the community of Kealakekua in the preamble; and
- (2) Making other technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2218, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2218, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



CHRIS TODD, Chair



