

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1012

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 19 2021

RE: S.C.R. No. 55  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2021  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred  
S.C.R. No. 55 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND  
AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES TO  
STREAMLINE THE PROCESS FOR ALLOWING TRADITIONAL HAWAIIAN  
FARMING SYSTEMS ON CONSERVATION LANDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the  
Department of Land and Natural Resources to adopt administrative  
rules to streamline the process for allowing traditional Hawaiian  
farming systems on conservation lands.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Aha Moku Advisory Committee, Office of Hawaiian Affairs,  
and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this  
measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that traditional farming systems play a  
critical role in Hawaii and should be encouraged to promote  
greater self-sufficiency, crop diversity, and food security.  
Supporting these farming systems is critical towards helping the  
State achieve food security and increasing the domestic production  
of a local food supply. Currently, Native Hawaiian bona fide  
farmers face challenges in perpetuating traditional Hawaiian  
farming systems and practices in conservation districts that have



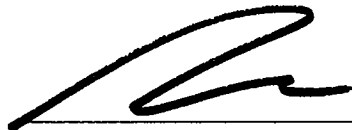
sustained our islands since time immemorial. The rules contemplated in this measure, if appropriately tailored, would help to facilitate ecologically compatible and environmentally sustainable traditional Native Hawaiian farming practices and approaches, thereby furthering the State's interest in food self-sufficiency, cultural perpetuation, and economic diversification.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding a clause to acknowledge that each petitioner for use of conservation lands should have a generational and traditional kupaaaina of the land they are farming or consult with native peoples of that specific ahupuaa to ensure that the crop is compatible with the ecosystem of that place; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 55, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 55, S.D. 1.

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



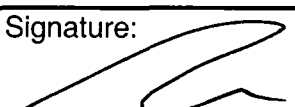
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MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-First Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Hawaiian Affairs**  
**HWN**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SCR 55	HWN	3/11/2021		
<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
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (C)	X			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	X			
ACASIO, Laura	X			
IHARA, Jr., Les				X
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	4			1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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