

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 18 , 2022

RE: S.B. No. 879
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 879, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COUNTIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the counties to provide for the maintenance of infrastructure for any housing development for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands within sixty days and under certain conditions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Honolulu Board of Water Supply.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands often continues to have the responsibility to maintain infrastructure despite the Department's compliance with county requirements. Your Committee further finds that the counties are uniquely positioned to operate, improve, repair, and maintain infrastructure. Therefore, transferring the responsibility to the counties to maintain the infrastructure, under specified conditions, for any housing development of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands will enable the Department to use its



resources to develop homestead lots to meet the needs of beneficiaries and better focus its efforts on attending to the maintenance and repairs of existing infrastructure under its authority.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending its preamble;
- (2) Requiring the infrastructure for any housing development for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to be maintained by the county in which the housing development is located in accordance with county standards;
- (3) Requiring that the infrastructure conform to applicable county standards in effect at the time the infrastructure is turned over to the county, rather than at the time of construction;
- (4) Requiring that the infrastructure be connected or adjacent to infrastructure maintained by the county;
- (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) Making 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 Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 879, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 879, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.



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



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