

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 7, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1844

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services & Housing, to which was referred H.B. No. 1844 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAND ACQUISITION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to preserve the inventory of affordable rental housing on Oahu including such housing for persons at lower income levels by:

- (1) Directing the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) to negotiate with Kamehameha Schools for State acquisition of the property underlying the Kulana Nani apartments in Kaneohe, Oahu;
- (2) Authorizing HHFDC, if necessary, to acquire the property through its power of eminent domain; and
- (3) Appropriating an unspecified sum for land acquisition.

The City and County of Honolulu's Department of Community Services supported the intent of this measure. HHFDC offered comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services & Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1844 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services &
Housing,



MAILE SHIMABUKURO, Chair



