

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1848 -06

Honolulu, Hawaii

Apr: 124, 2006

RE: S.C.R. No. 148

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources, to which
was referred S.C.R. No. 148 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND
AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO WORK WITH THE SAMUEL MILLS DAMON
ESTATE TRUSTEES, MOANALUA GARDENS FOUNDATION, THE TRUST FOR
PUBLIC LANDS, THE NATURE CONSERVANCY, AND OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN
AFFAIRS TO PURCHASE THE MOANALUA GARDENS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Land
and Natural Resources to work with the Samuel Mills Damon estate
trustees, the Moanalua Gardens Foundation, the Trust for Public
Lands, the Nature Conservancy, and Office of Hawaiian Affairs to
purchase Moanalua Gardens.

The Department is also requested to report its findings to
the Legislature twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
Session of 2007.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to the
Concurrent Resolution from the Department of Land and Natural
Resources. The Nature Conservancy provided written testimony with
comments regarding this measure.

Your Committee finds that the Samuel Mills Damon trust
included many real estate holdings including Moanalua Gardens and
Kamananui Valley, which adjoins the Gardens. During his lifetime

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and after his death, Samuel Damon allowed Moanalua Gardens to be used, enjoyed, and appreciated by the general public.

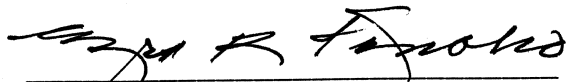
Under the terms of Samuel Damon's will, however, the assets of the Damon trust, including Moanalua Gardens and Kamananui Valley, must be liquidated. Rather than allow the public to lose access to Moanalua Gardens and Kamananui Valley, the State, the Trust for Public Lands, and the Nature Conservancy are working together to purchase and manage Kamananui Valley for \$5,500,000.

Your Committee also finds that, for over thirty-five years, the Moanalua Gardens Foundation has continued the legacy of Samuel Damon to protect and preserve Moanalua Gardens and Kamananui Valley. The Moanalua Gardens Foundation is interested in purchasing Moanalua Gardens in partnership with other organizations, to preserve it in perpetuity for the people of Hawaii and to operate and maintain Moanalua Gardens as a community resource.

This Concurrent Resolution supports the purchase of Moanalua Gardens to protect and preserve one of Hawaii's most treasured cultural and historical areas for the people of Hawaii and urges the Department to work with the named parties to accomplish this objective.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 148 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water, Land, &
Ocean Resources,


EZRA R. KANOHO, Chair



