

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 133
S.D. 1

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 133 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE TO CONVENE A HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE TASK FORCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Budget and Finance to convene a Hawaiian language task force.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals. The Department of Accounting and General Services submitted comments on this measure.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii State Constitution provides for the preservation and promotion of native Hawaiian culture, history, and language. The Hawaii State Constitution also recognizes Hawaiian as one of the official state languages. The Legislature has made an effort to preserve and promote native Hawaiian language by incorporating the language into official state writings, emblems, and signs. Therefore, the establishment of a Hawaiian language task force is necessary to ensure the proper use of the Hawaiian language on these official state writings, emblems, and signs.

Your Committee has amended this measure to:

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- (1) Add two members to the task force, one to represent information technology issues and to be selected by the Department of Accounting and General Services, and one from the Hawaii Board on Geographic Names with the Office of Planning under the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, as the authority for Hawaiian place names; and
- (2) Include a feasibility study to examine the scope and costs of implementing the plan developed.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 133, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 133, S.D. 1.

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



COLLEEN HANABUSA, Chair



