

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1083

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 20 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1352
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Tourism and Government Operations, to which was referred H.B. No. 1352, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION TO PLAN FOR THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF HAWAII STATEHOOD,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a Fiftieth Anniversary of Statehood Commission (Commission).

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT). Comments were received from one individual.

The intent of this measure is to plan and coordinate the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Hawaii's admission to statehood in August 1959. Your Committee finds that Hawaii has benefited greatly from statehood, particularly the rights, privileges, and protections that statehood and citizenship under the United States provide.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Decreasing the Commission membership to twenty-three persons, to be selected without regard to Senate confirmation;



- (2) Changing the selection of nominees by the President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor, to provide as follows:
 - (A) Six members to be selected by the President of the Senate, to represent various sectors including Hawaii's youth, academic community, labor, business, and cultural groups;
 - (B) Six members to be selected by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to represent various sectors including labor, business, cultural groups, faith-based organizations, and youth;
 - (C) Five members to be selected by the Governor, including persons knowledgeable in the history of Hawaii and Hawaiian culture, event planning, and developing community partnerships;
- (3) Providing for a quorum of fifteen members, and a required vote of thirteen members to make decisions; and
- (4) Clarifying that a vacancy is to be filled by the same selection authority as appointed the vacating member;
- (5) Changing the effective date to upon its approval; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism and Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1352, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1352, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Tourism and
Government Operations,

Clarence K. Nishihara

CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)	/			
TSUTSUI, Shan S.	/			
TRIMBLE, Gordon		/		
TOTAL	3	1		

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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