

Honolulu, Hawaii

May 1, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 900
H.D. 2
S.D. 1
C.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
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Sir and Madam:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the House of Representatives to the amendments proposed by the Senate in H.B. No. 900, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this bill is to appropriate funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to support programs that benefit Hawaiians and native Hawaiians for the fiscal biennium July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2011.

Realizing the sacrifices being made by all departments in light of the current economic situation, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs submitted testimony in support of a twenty per cent reduction to its general fund appropriation. Your Committee is in agreement with the



Office of Hawaiian Affairs and reduced the general fund appropriation to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs by \$617,415.

The appropriation of general funds to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is contingent upon the transfer from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to the State, the State's share of the Hokulia settlement (Kelly v. Oceanside) legal fees plus interest. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees has agreed to transfer fifty per cent of the legal fees plus interest, which amounts to \$1,241,615.

Your Committee recognizes the importance of the services and advocacy the Office of Hawaiian Affairs provides its beneficiaries and finds that this measure is necessary to continue support of the programs benefitting Hawaiians and native Hawaiians.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 900, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 900, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf
of the managers:

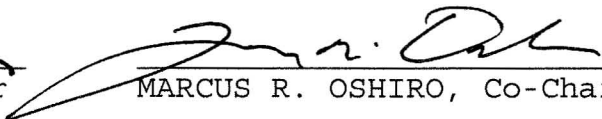
ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE


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