

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1511

Honolulu, Hawaii

AJ7, 2009

RE: H.R. No. 104
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred
H.R. No. 104 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
TO WORK WITH THE HAWAI'INUIAKEA SCHOOL OF HAWAIIAN KNOWLEDGE
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO DEVELOP A KUPUNA HONORARY
DEGREE PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to recognize and honor
eligible kupuna for their accomplishments, based on Hawaiian
standards, by requesting the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) to
work with the Hawai'inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge of the
University of Hawaii (UH) to develop a kupuna honorary degree
program that will award the Pohaku Degree, the Hawaii equivalent
of the Nobel Prize.

OHA supported this measure with amendments. UH at Manoa
commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this resolution as requested by
OHA and UH, by:

- (1) Amending the title to read: "REQUESTING THE EDUCATION
DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS TO WORK WITH
THE HAWAI'INUIAKEA SCHOOL OF HAWAIIAN KNOWLEDGE OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO DEVELOP A KUPUNA HONORARY DEGREE
PROGRAM";

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- (2) Specifying that the Education Division of OHA is to develop the award in consultation with the UH Hawai`inuiākea School of Hāwaiian Knowledge;
- (3) Removing references to "Pohaku Award" to allow the komike kupuna to name the award; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 104, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Higher Education in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 104, H.D. 1.

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



MELE CARROLL, Chair



