

Honolulu, Hawaii

Ag: 130, 2009

RE: H.R. No. 202
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. 202 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR, THE OFFICE OF
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS
TO ORGANIZE AND CONVENE A CONFERENCE TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS FOR
A HAWAIIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to lay the groundwork for a
democratic process of deciding native Hawaiian self-governance by
requesting the Governor, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), and
the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) to organize and
convene a conference to begin discussions relating to holding a
Hawaiian constitutional convention.

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs supported this
measure with amendments. The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
supported the intent of this measure. The Royal Order of
Kamehameha, Nation of Hawaii, and several concerned individuals
opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this resolution according to the
issues upon which all testifiers agree, by:

- (1) Removing language requiring the conference to be
organized and convened by the Governor, OHA, and DHHL;



- (2) Providing that the Legislature supports the efforts of the Hawaiian community to organize and convene a conference;
- (3) Providing that the membership of any conference is to be determined by the Hawaiian community;
- (4) Urging the Governor, OHA, and DHHL, to identify a means of providing some financial support to the Hawaiian community that will ensure the opportunity for full discussion and consideration of issues critical to the self-governance of the native Hawaiian people;
- (5) Amending its title to read: "HOUSE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS BY THE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY TO ORGANIZE AND CONVENE A CONFERENCE TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS FOR A NATIVE HAWAIIAN SELF GOVERNANCE AND RECONCILIATION PROCESS"; and
- (6) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment 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. 202, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 202, H.D. 1.

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



MELE CARROLL, Chair



