

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 12, 2010

RE: H.B. No. 1778  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2010  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred  
H.B. No. 1778 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WALKING TRAILS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to direct Na Ala Hele Program  
(Program) of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR)  
to designate public lands from Kaupo to Kapalua along the Pi'ilani  
trail as an important Hawaiian coastal cultural heritage corridor,  
and to study the establishment, repair, and preservation of the  
trail for public use.

The Maui County Council and Kanaka Council Moku O Keawe  
testified in support of this bill. DLNR opposed this measure.  
The Representative of the 11<sup>th</sup> District and the Office of Hawaiian  
Affairs provided comments.

Your Committee notes DLNR's budgetary concerns, but also  
finds that the Maui community is excited about the prospect of  
protecting this cultural resource that is important to the history  
of the Hawaiian people. Given the current restraints on the state  
budget, your Committee recommends that any funds necessary to  
carry out this project should be raised through community efforts  
to avoid placing further strains on the current budget crisis.



Further, concerns were raised that increased public access to this historical resource raises the potential risk of damage to sacred areas. Accordingly, your Committee has amended this bill by adding a requirement to consult the Hawaiian community when establishing, repairing, and preserving the trail for public use.

Your Committee has also amended this bill by:

- (1) Correctly reflecting the intent of this bill to actually designate the public lands from Kaupo to Kapalua along the Pi'ilani trail as an important Hawaiian coastal cultural heritage corridor, and not merely to study its feasibility;
- (2) Deleting Program reporting requirements to the Legislature that would have included a proposed budget;
- (3) Changing the effective date to upon its approval; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1778, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1778, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

  
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MELE CARROLL, Chair



