

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

March 14, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 400
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 400
entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to support programs that benefit
Hawaiians and native Hawaiians by appropriating funds for the
operating and capital improvement budgets of the Office of
Hawaiian Affairs (OHA).

OHA, the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation, the Association
of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, the Hawaii Family Law Clinic dba Ala
Kuola, ALU LIKE, Inc., Papa Ola Lokahi, Na Pua No'eau, The Mestizo
Association, the Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands
Assembly, and numerous concerned individuals testified in support
of this bill.

Your Committee carefully considered OHA's requests for the
upcoming biennium and approves of the agency's sole request to
transfer funds from two of its programs, the Office of the
Trustees and Administration, to a third program, Beneficiary
Advocacy. These transferred funds will be used for services and
assistance to beneficiaries in the areas of social services, legal
services and representation, and educational enrichment programs.

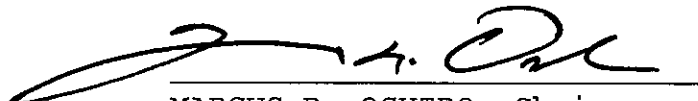
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However, taking into account the state of Hawaii's economy, your Committee believes it is fair to distribute budget reductions throughout the State. Thus, your Committee recommends a four percent reduction in the general funds allocated to OHA, resulting in a reduction of approximately \$99,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 400, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 400, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



