

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2806

H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2806, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to protect Hawaii's environment, to promote sustainability in Hawaii, and to preserve the Hawaiian culture by:

- (1) Establishing the Aha Moku Advisory Committee within the Department of Land and Natural Resources;
- (2) Authorizing the Committee to advise the chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources on issues related to land and natural resources management through the Aha Moku System, which is a system of best practices that is based upon the indigenous resource management practices of moku (regional) boundaries, that acknowledges the natural contours of land, the specific resources located within those areas, and the methodology necessary to sustain resources and the community;
- (3) Requiring the Committee to submit an annual report to the Legislature and the chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources that includes a list of



recommendations made by the Committee and the resulting action taken by the Department of Land and Natural Resources; and

- (4) Appropriating \$153,000 in general funds for the Committee's administrative costs.


The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the Aha Moku Advisory Committee, the Koolau Foundation, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, the Oahu Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Kakoo Oiwi, Koolaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, and several concerned individuals supported this measure. The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii and an individual opposed this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the appropriation amount;
- (2) Deleting references to the source of funding for the appropriation;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2030, for the purpose of facilitating further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 2806, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2806, H.D. 2.

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


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



