

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 157

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 6, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 216
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 216 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A FINANCIAL REVIEW BY THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS OF COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 5 OF ACT 178, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2006,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to conduct a financial review of state departments and agencies that use or manage public lands and the revenues generated therefrom to determine compliance with reporting requirements for revenue generated by public trust lands.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Papa Ola Lokahi, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, and two concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the Department of Budget and Finance, and any other state department or agency that uses or manages public lands shall fully cooperate and assist the Office of Hawaiian Affairs with regard to the financial review and shall respond within thirty days after any financial

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review-related request made by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and

- (2) 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 Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 216, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 216, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water & Land,


CINDY EVANS, Chair



