

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1637

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 12, 2013

RE: H.C.R. No. 117  
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 Judiciary, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 117 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO INCLUDE RESIDENT CITIZENS OF THE FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES AS "QUALIFIED ALIENS" UNDER THE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND WORK OPPORTUNITY RECONCILIATION ACT IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR UNIQUE HISTORIC AND ONGOING SACRIFICES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to restore access to important and fundamental federal programs for United States resident workers, taxpayers, students, and community members present under the Compacts of Free Association by urging Congress to include resident citizens of the Freely Associated States as "qualified aliens" and restore their program eligibility under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Hawaii Civil Rights Commission, Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice, HealthyPacific.Org, COFA Community Advocacy Network, Japanese American Citizens League, Hepatitis Support Network of Hawaii, and numerous concerned individuals supported this measure. A concerned individual provided comments.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by deleting the requirement that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to certain congressional leaders and committees. Since copies of this measure will be transmitted to members of Hawaii's congressional delegation, they may decide to use or distribute this measure as they see fit.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 117, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 117, H.D. 1.

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



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



