

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1689

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 12, 2013

RE: H.C.R. No. 217

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. 217 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND RELIGIOUS IMPACTS OF ENACTING MARRIAGE EQUALITY IN HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Dean of the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii at Manoa to convene a task force to study the social, economic, and religious impacts of enacting marriage equality in Hawaii.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii; IMUAlliance; Japanese American Citizens League Honolulu Chapter; and Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i testified in support of this measure. Several concerned individuals testified in opposition to this measure. The Hawaii Civil Rights Commission submitted comments on this measure.

Your Committee notes the comments made by testifiers at the hearing regarding the composition of the task force and whether the measure specifies the best collection of individuals to study this matter. It was conveyed at the hearing that the designated chair of the task force, the Dean of the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, has indicated his willingness to serve as the chair and, as a result, he will be charged with selecting the remaining task force members. Your Committee has full confidence that the Dean will make reasoned and

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balanced appointments in accordance with the specifications set by this measure.

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. 217 and recommends its adoption.

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



KARL RHOADS, Chair



