

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 691

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 01 2013

RE: S.B. No. 3
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.B. No. 3 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide for the
election of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs board members through a
system of nonpartisan primary and general elections to begin with
the 2014 elections.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaiian Affairs Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii
and four individuals. Testimony in opposition to this measure was
submitted by two individuals. Your Committee received comments on
this measure from the Department of the Attorney General, Office
of Hawaiian Affairs, Office of Elections, and Office of the County
Clerk of the County of Kauai.

Your Committee finds that the absence of a primary election
for the members of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian
Affairs causes a large pool of trustee candidates competing for
only a few positions in the general election. A primary election
process for the Board of Trustees will serve to narrow the pool of
trustee candidates in the general election, limit the significant
dispersion of votes that often occurs due to the large pool of
candidates, and ensure a more democratic process.

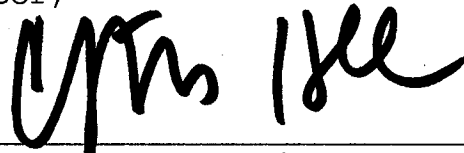


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adopting the conforming amendments suggested by the Department of the Attorney General to amend sections 13D-4(c), 13D-5, and 17-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, that removes redundancies, provides clarity and consistency, and deletes references to "special election"; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3, S.D. 1.

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



CLAYTON HEE, Chair



