

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 28, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 1553

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1553 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE AHA MOKU ADVISORY COMMITTEE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support land and resource management and the work of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee by appropriating funds for:

- (1) The administration and operational expenses of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee; and
- (2) Community education on the administrative structure regarding the Aha Moku System and on natural and cultural resource management.

The Hawaiian Affairs Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii; Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs; Aha Moku, Moku O Kanaloa; Aha Moku, Moku O Palaa'u; Aha Moku, Moku O Puna; and an individual supported this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources commented on this measure.

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. 1553 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



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



SYLVIA LUKE Chair



