

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 5, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 638
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 Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 638 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to address specific employment benefits afforded to the officers and employees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) by:

- (1) Repealing the eligibility for the Employees' Retirement System, Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund, and cafeteria plan benefits for officers and employees of OHA who are paid in whole or in part by funds derived from the public land trust described in section 10-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS);
- (2) Specifying that all employees of OHA shall be subject to the Uniform Information Practices Act (Modified) described in chapter 92F, HRS; and
- (3) Authorizing the legislature to make adjustments in wages, hours, benefits, or other terms and conditions of employment for officers and employees of OHA.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs opposed this measure.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to January 1, 2113, to promote further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Public Employment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 638, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 638, 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 Labor & Public
Employment,


MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



