

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2649

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2042

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2042 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CULTURAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN HAWAII AND PUERTO RICO,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish the Puerto Rican Exchange Commission (Commission).

The duties of the Commission include:

- (1) Coordinating cultural exchange events between Hawaii and Puerto Rico;
- (2) Recognizing the contributions of the Puerto Rican people to Hawaii; and
- (3) Commemorating the arrival of the first Puerto Ricans to Hawaii.

The measure also appropriates an unspecified amount for developing, planning, and coordinating various programs and events as part of a cultural exchange program with Puerto Rico and for the construction of a monument to commemorate the arrival of the first Puerto Rican people in Hawaii.

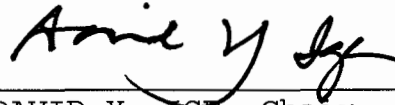
Your Committee did not receive written comments on this measure.



Your Committee finds that since the arrival of the first Puerto Ricans in Hawaii on December 23, 1900, their rich culture and proud heritage have contributed to all phases of Hawaii's development. Your Committee believes that by honoring and recognizing the contributions of the Puerto Rican people and their culture to Hawaii, this measure will promote and bring awareness to Hawaii's diverse and multicultural society.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2042 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,




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DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2042	TIA/TEL, WAM	2-25-14		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert				✓
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.				✓
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
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Recommendation:				
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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