

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 21, 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2598
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts, to which was referred S.B. No. 2598, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CULTURAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN HAWAII AND AFRICAN AMERICANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to recognize the significant contributions of African Americans in Hawaii and educate Hawaii's residents and visitors about the positive influence that African Americans have had on this State by establishing the Hawaii Commission on African American History and Culture and appropriating funds to the Office of the Governor for the operational expenses of the Commission.

The Hawaii Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Coalition, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. Two individuals provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the composition of the Hawaii Commission on African American History and Culture to include five members appointed by the Governor; three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of




Representatives; and three members appointed by the President of the Senate;

- (2) Deleting references to representatives from specific organizations to be included on the Commission; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2598, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2598, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Veterans,
Military, & International
Affairs, & Culture and the
Arts,



K. MARK TAKAI, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-seventh Legislature

HSCR 1160-14

Record of Votes of the Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2598 SD1	Committee Referral: VMI, FIN	Date: 3/12/2014		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
VMI Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAI, K. Mark (C)	✓			
2. ITO, Ken (VC)	✓			
3. AWANA, Karen	✓			
4. BROWER, Tom	✓			
5. CACHOLA, Romy M.	✓			
6. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
7. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
8. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
9. TSUJI, Clift	✓			
10. MCDERMOTT, Bob				✓
11. WOOLEY, Jessica	✓			
TOTAL (11)	10			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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