

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 14, 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2743
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian
Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2743, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWE ISLAND
RESERVE, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allocate a portion of state
conveyance tax revenues to the Kaho'olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund
to be used for the long-term rehabilitation and maintenance of the
Kaho'olawe Island Reserve.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Department of Planning of the
County of Maui, Hawaiian Affairs Caucus of the Democratic Party of
Hawaii, and a few individuals provided testimony in support of
this measure. The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii provided
testimony in opposition to this measure. The Department of Land
and Natural Resources, Department of Budget and Finance, Kaho'olawe
Island Reserve Commission, Ocean Tourism Coalition, Tax Foundation
of Hawaii, Na 'Ao Koa 'O Hawai'i, and a few individuals provided
comments on this measure.

Your Committee respectfully requests that your Committee on
Finance consider inserting an annual cap amount of \$3,500,000 for
conveyance tax revenues allocated to the Trust Fund.



Your Committee notes that the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission is seeking other funds to sustain itself and believes that the federal government should provide funds to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission as it could become a model for other island states.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2743, S.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Water & Land.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ocean, Marine
Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs,



FAYE P. HANOHANO, Chair



