

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2519

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 27 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2839
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Judiciary and Labor,
to which was referred S.B. No. 2839 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
ACT, 1920, AS AMENDED,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to repeal the
directive to amend the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as
amended (Hawaiian Homes Commission Act), to accomplish the
purposes of Act 195, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011 (Act 195).

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Office of Hawaiian
Affairs, and Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs.

Your Committees find that Act 195 created a Native Hawaiian
Roll Commission to prepare and maintain a roll of qualified Native
Hawaiians in anticipation of the development of a reorganized
Native Hawaiian entity and ultimately, federal recognition of
Native Hawaiians. Section 3 of Act 195 requires that the Hawaiian
Homes Commission Act be amended, subject to the approval by
Congress, if necessary, to accomplish the purposes of Act 195.
Some beneficiaries of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands find
this directive suspicious because it does not clarify what
amendments to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act are required.
Your Committees conclude that this directive is confusing and
altogether unnecessary and should be removed from Act 195.



Your Committees have amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Judiciary and Labor that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2839, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2839, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Hawaiian Affairs
and Judiciary and Labor,



CLAYTON HEE, Chair



MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair



