

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2013

RE: S.B. No. 3

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 3 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide for the election of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs board members through a system of nonpartisan primary and general elections to begin with the 2014 elections.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaiian Affairs Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Office of Elections, and Office of the County Clerk of the County of Kauai.

Your Committee finds that the absence of a primary election for the members of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs causes a large pool of trustee candidates competing for only a few positions in the general election. A primary election process for the Board of Trustees will serve to narrow the pool of trustee candidates in the general election, limit the significant dispersion of votes that often occurs due to the large pool of candidates, and ensure a more democratic process.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Tourism and
Hawaiian Affairs,

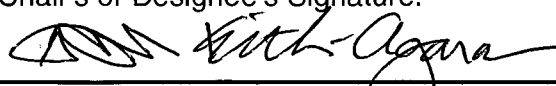


BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
Committee on Tourism and Hawaiian Affairs
THA

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 3	THA, JDL	2/13/13		
<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
GALUTERIA, Brickwood (C)	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	✓			
HEE, Clayton				✓
KAHELE, Gilbert				✓
KIDANI, Michelle N.	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			
SOLOMON, Malama		✓		
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	4	1	0	3
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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