

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2744

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 04 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2582
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2582 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE KAHOLA'OLAWA ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide funds to the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission to effectively meet the unique challenges of restoring, preserving, and determining the appropriate uses of the Kahoolawe Island Reserve for the people of Hawaii.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Requires the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission to submit a financial self-sufficiency and sustainability plan to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2017; and
- (2) Makes a general fund appropriation of \$600,000 for the projects undertaken by the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Aha Moku Advisory Committee, County of Maui Department of Planning, Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission, Conservation Council for Hawaii, and twenty individuals.

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Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from the Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that, during the past ten years, the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission has been able to develop innovative restoration projects that are effective in the harsh conditions of Kahoolawe and will serve as the foundation for the future restoration of the Kahoolawe Island Reserve. Your Committee further finds that the Kahoolawe rehabilitation trust fund will be depleted this year and that the Commission lacks a comprehensive and quantifiable restoration plan with performance measures to gauge whether objectives are being met. Accordingly, your Committee finds that this measure will help the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission continue its innovative management regime.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the:

- (1) Appropriation amount from \$600,000 to an unspecified sum; and
- (2) Effective date to July 1, 2076, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

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. 2582, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2582, S.D. 1.

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



JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



