

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3409

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 07 2016

RE: S.C.R. No. 125
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 Water, Land, and Agriculture, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 125 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING COLLABORATIVE
EFFORTS FOR STEWARDSHIP AND PRESERVATION OF WAIPi'O VALLEY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request that the Waipi'o Valley Stakeholders Alliance coordinate with the Bishop Museum, Kamehameha Schools, Friends of the Future, County of Hawai'i, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Trust For Public Land, State of Hawai'i, and other interested parties who may be invited by the Waipi'o Valley Stakeholders Alliance to provide their guidance and mana'o regarding the future preservation and stewardship of Waipi'o Valley.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Ho'omana Pono, LLC; Kamehameha Schools; and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that Waipi'o Valley is a revered wahi pana, or sacred place, on the island of Hawaii and has served as a cultural and demographic center for the Native Hawaiian culture for many centuries, housing precious resources including multiple heiau, an extensive taro lo'i and auwai system, fishponds, burial sites, ocean culture, and incomparable scenic beauty. Your Committee further finds that the Bishop Museum has owned and managed five hundred thirty-seven acres of Waipi'o Valley property, representing approximately sixty percent of the valley floor, for



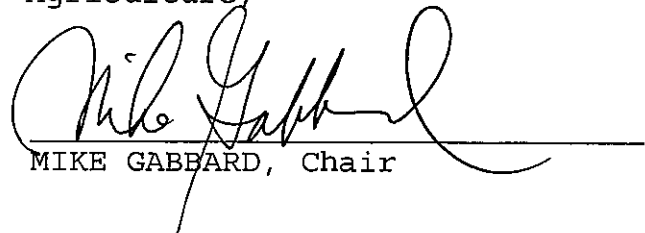
the past one hundred thirty years and has publicly announced its intent to sell its interest in order to enable the museum to move forward with a new strategic management plan. The Waipi'o Valley Stakeholders Alliance is fully committed to take the lead on stewardship efforts to transition the Bishop Museum lands, and is currently working with many stakeholders, community leaders from groups who have experienced similar situations, and others who have expertise in land acquisition and land management to identify possible options that will ensure that Bishop Museum can remain solvent and continue its important work caring for Hawai'i's cultural treasures, while at the same time honoring Waipi'o Valley's past, present, and future to ensure that the land remains in the hands of the Waipi'o families as it has for centuries.

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

Your Committee notes the suggestion in Dr. Kū Kahakalau's testimony that the community organization Hā Ola O Waipi'o be named in this measure, rather than the Waipi'o Valley Stakeholders Alliance, and defers to the legislators of the district in which Waipi'o Valley is located to determine whether substantive amendments are needed as discussion of this measure continues.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 125, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 125, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water, Land, and
Agriculture,




MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR 125	Committee Referral: WLA	Date: April 4, 2016		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GABBARD, Mike (C)	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				/
RIVIERE, Gil	/			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	/			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
THIELEN, Laura H.				/
WAKAI, Glenn				/
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	5			4
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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