

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3259

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 31 2016

RE: S.R. No. 124
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 Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred
S.R. No. 124 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING AND HONORING THE LIFE OF
ROBERT WILLIAM KALANIHIAPO WILCOX, AN ENDURING PATRIOT AND
ADVOCATE FOR THE RIGHTS OF NATIVE HAWAIIANS, WHO SERVED AS
HAWAII'S FIRST ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED STATES
CONGRESS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to commemorate and
honor the life of Robert William Kalanihiapo Wilcox.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Ho'omana Pono, LLC; and eight
individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to
this measure from the Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies.
Your Committee received comments on this measure from three
individuals.

Your Committee finds that Mr. Wilcox was Hawaii's first
elected representative to the United States Congress and was a
leader to the Hawaiian people throughout the radical changes in
Hawaii's government occurring in his lifetime.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding information about Mr. Wilcox's successful
lobbying effort in Congress to grant universal voting



rights for men in the legislation that would become the 1900 Hawaiian Organic Act, to ensure that Native Hawaiian interests were adequately represented in the Territory of Hawaii government;

- (2) Adding information about Mr. Wilcox's support for Hawaii becoming a state of the Union to ensure greater local control of Hawaii's government;
- (3) Acknowledging that Mr. Wilcox may serve as an inspiration in contemporary times in advocacy efforts for Native Hawaiian self-governance in various and multiple forums; and
- (4) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

Your Committee notes the testimony of Mr. Wilcox's family in support of this measure and providing direct historical background of Mr. Wilcox. Your Committee also notes the testimony of Kaulana Keli'i Bonnet stating that this measure could be "an important step toward reconciliation with the Hawaiian people and the healing of our nation."

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 124, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 124, S.D. 1.

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

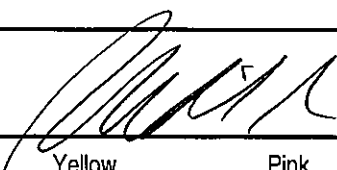


MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SR 124	Committee Referral: HWN	Date: 3/28/16		
<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
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (C)	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani (VC)				/
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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