

SB 194

Testimony

Measure Title: RELATING TO THE CULTURAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN HAWAII AND AFRICAN AMERICANS.

Report Title: Commission on African American History and Culture

Description: Establishes the Hawaii commission on African American History and Culture to recognize the contributions of the African American people in Hawaii and educate residents and visitors to the State about these contributions.

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: HEA, WAM

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AMERICANS

Chair Taniguchi and members of the committee, I am Jonathan Johnson, executive director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA), and I am pleased to provide testimony on S.B. 194.

The SFCA supports the intent and purpose of this measure to establish a commission to further recognize the contributions of African Americans to Hawaii's history, cultural community, and society. Hawaii's cultural diversity is an integral part of our state's unique perspective.

Following the appointment of the commission, the SFCA proposes the commission provide recommendations to the Legislature as to the appropriate ways to recognize the contributions of African Americans in Hawaii. Recommendations to include a schedule and context during which the recognition would be provided. Further, that there be a sunset date for the commission included in the measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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Comments: There have been and continue to be so many people of African American history that have contributed to the history and daily life of Hawai'i. They should definitely be recognized and part of our local history lessons . This being said we need to make our history here more relevant to all of the people who are important to us. Please look into what is being taught in our schools for history. In addition, not all people who contributed are "AfricanAmerican" some may be Hispanic of color or other country/continents as well. BUT please recognize starting with this bill and expand.

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