

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 141

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 141 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO
PLAN AND COORDINATE THE CELEBRATION OF THE ONE HUNDRED
FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST ARRIVAL OF JAPANESE
EMIGRANTS TO HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a task
force under the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts to plan
and coordinate the celebration of the one hundred fiftieth
anniversary of the first arrival of Japanese emigrants to Hawaii.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this
measure from two concerned individuals.


Your Committee finds that the first Japanese emigrants to
Hawaii arrived on June 20, 1868. They numbered one hundred fifty-
three men and women, and were recruited from Yokohama to work in
the sugar cane fields as laborers.

Your Committee finds that the descendants of those initial
arrivals and subsequent waves of emigrants from Japan as well as
Okinawa have made Hawaii their home, contributing much to the
diversity, economy, and history of Hawaii.



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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 141 and recommends its adoption.

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



JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



