

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1444

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 06 2017

RE: S.C.R. No. 85

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. 85 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF  
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE OF HAWAIIAN LEADERS,  
LEGAL SCHOLARS, AND A BROAD REPRESENTATION OF MEMBERS OF THE  
HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER WHETHER ITS  
FIDUCIARY DUTY TO BETTER THE CONDITIONS OF HAWAIIANS AND  
MANAGE ITS RESOURCES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF HAWAIIAN  
BENEFICIARIES WOULD BE BETTER SERVED BY HAVING TRUSTEES  
APPOINTED RATHER THAN ELECTED,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the  
Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) to convene a group of Hawaiian  
leaders, legal scholars, and Hawaiian community members to:

- (1) Review whether the manner of selecting and seating OHA  
trustees could be improved through a process by which  
trustees are appointed rather than elected;
- (2) Consider the appropriate appointing authority; and
- (3) Consider how to develop a list of the best qualified  
potential trustees for submittal to the appointing  
authority.



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

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Your Committee finds that this measure provides a mechanism to encourage serious discussion and sober consideration of effective alternatives to the existing governance structure of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Your Committee supports the concept of providing opportunities for Hawaiians to discuss the governance structure of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and believes this measure should continue in the legislative process.

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. 85 and recommends its adoption.

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



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JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



