

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 16, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1999
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred H.B. No. 1999, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRAINING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require certain government decision-makers at the state and county levels to complete a training course, administered by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, on Native Hawaiian and Hawaiian traditional and customary rights, natural resource protection and access rights, and the public trust.

The Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Ho'omanapono Political Action Committee, and an individual testified in support of this measure. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs and Department of Land and Natural Resources testified in support of this measure with amendments. The Mayor of the County of Hawaii testified in support of the intent of this measure. The Council Chair of the County of Maui and Maui County Planning Department commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to January 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion; and



- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for clarity and consistency.

Should this measure move further in the legislative process, your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance to consider the suggested amendments offered by the Department of Land and Natural Resources in its testimony to include an additional training per year and specify the required training for the deputies and division heads of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Public Employment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1999, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1999, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor & Public
Employment,


AARON LINE JOHANSON, Chair



