

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 , 2018

RE: S.B. No. 2896  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts, to which was referred S.B. No. 2896, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST ARRIVAL OF JAPANESE EMIGRANTS TO HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to celebrate the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the arrival of the first group of organized Japanese immigrants in Hawaii, known as Gannenmono, by appropriating funds as a grant to the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii for the purposes of funding the presentation and coordination of events and programs for the 2018 Gannenmono celebration.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Historic Hawai'i Foundation, and Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i testified in support of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the funding mechanism for events and programs for the 2018 Gannenmono celebration from a grant to the



Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii and instead making an emergency appropriation of \$150,000 to the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism for this purpose;

- (2) Changing its effective date to June 15, 2015, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2896, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2896, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Veterans,  
Military, & International  
Affairs, & Culture and the  
Arts,

  
MATTHEW S. LOPRESTI, Chair



**Record of Votes of the Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> SB 2896, SD 1	<b>Committee Referral:</b> VMI, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 3/22/18		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
VMI Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LoPRESTI, Matthew S. (C)	✓			
2. FUKUMOTO, Beth (VC)				✓
3. CACHOLA, Romy M.	✓			
4. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
5. ITO, Ken	✓			
6. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
7. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
8. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
9. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
10. WARD, Gene	✓			
<b>TOTAL (10)</b>	9			1
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> _____ 				
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