

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 15, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 172  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 172 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the operating budget for three programs of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs:

- (1) Office of the Trustees (OHA150);
- (2) Administration (OHA160); and
- (3) Beneficiary Advocacy (OHA175).

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Moku O Keawe - Hawai'i Council of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and a few individuals submitted testimony in support of this measure. The Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies submitted testimony in opposition to this measure. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs offered comments on this measure.



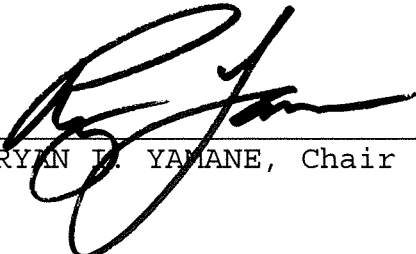
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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing all appropriations of general funds and trust funds to unspecified amounts;
- (2) Adding a program provision requiring the Auditor to conduct a financial and management audit, to be funded by Office of Hawaiian Affairs trust funds (OHA160);
- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to promote further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 172, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 172, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Water, Land, &  
Hawaiian Affairs,



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RYAN D. YAMANE, Chair



