

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 135

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 8 - 2019

RE: S.B. No. 803

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism,
to which was referred S.B. No. 803 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAIIAN CULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to remove a
provision designating the Hawaii Convention Center as the location
for operation of a Hawaiian Center and the Museum of Hawaiian
Music and Dance.

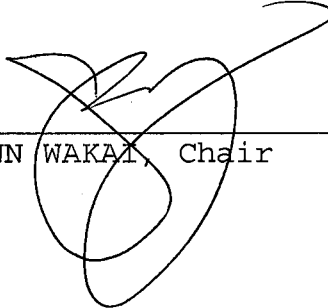
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority. Your Committee received
comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that under existing law, \$79,000,000 of
transient accommodations tax revenue is allocated per year to the
tourism special fund and of that amount, \$1,000,000 is allocated
for the operation of a Hawaiian Center and Museum of Hawaiian
Music and Dance at the Hawaii Convention Center. However, your
Committee further finds that the Hawaii Convention Center roof
must be fixed before the Center can accommodate the operation of a
Hawaiian Center and the Museum. This measure will eliminate the
requirement for the Hawaiian Center and the Museum to be located
at the Hawaii Convention Center, which will allow the roof to be
fixed and the Hawaiian Center and the Museum to be moved to a more
appropriate location in the interim.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 803 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy, Economic
Development, and Tourism,



GLENN WAKAI, Chair



