

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2019

RE: S.B. No. 1446
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred
S.B. No. 1446 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the
Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees to approve or
disapprove the Administrator's appointment of, and have a direct
supervisory role over, the chief financial officer, director of
human resources, and attorney.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from Ho'omanapono Political Action Committee, Ka Lāhui Hawai'i
Political Action Committee, and one individual. Your Committee
received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office
of Hawaiian Affairs Beneficiary Advocacy and Empowerment
Committee.

Your Committee finds that every government agency must foster
a culture of accountability at all levels of the organization in
order to successfully achieve its mission and serve its
constituents. This measure provides additional oversight options
to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees to create a
robust system of checks and balances within the Office of Hawaiian
Affairs.

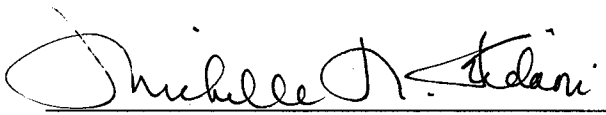


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding language to allow the Board of Trustees to delegate direct oversight authority over the chief financial officer, director of human resources, and attorney, to mitigate any potential constitutional conflict; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purpose of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1446, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1446, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

for 
MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair



