

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 1 - 2019

RE: S.B. No. 728
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 728, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Increase the maximum amount of public funds available to each candidate running for the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and
- (2) Increase the amount each Board of Trustee candidate must raise in order to qualify for public funds.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, Democratic Party of Hawai'i, O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

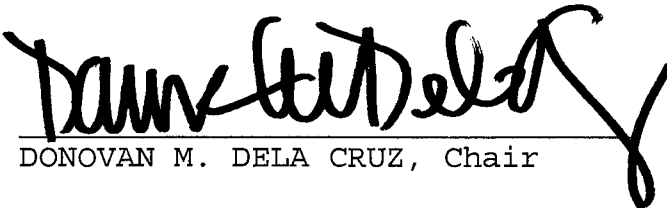
Your Committees find that candidates for the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs are elected statewide by qualified voters in the State. Despite at-large Board of Trustee candidates having to run a statewide campaign, similar to



other statewide offices, Board of Trustee candidates only receive partial public funding at a lower rate than other statewide offices. This measure will provide more equality in the allocation of public funding to candidates running statewide campaigns and encourage more individuals to enter as a candidate for the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 728, S.D. 1, and recommend that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair


KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Ways and Means
WAM

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 728, SD 1	HWN, JDC/WAM	2/26/2019		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	/			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)				/
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
HARIMOTO, Breene	/			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.				/
KAHELE, Kaiali'i				/
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	/			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil				/
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	9			4
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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