

Honolulu, Hawaii

JUN 23 2020

RE: S.C.R. No. 57

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 57 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE OF HAWAI'I TO
PROVIDE NATIVE HAWAIIANS WITH THEIR FAIR SHARE OF THE PUBLIC
LAND TRUST REVENUE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the State
of Hawaii to provide native Hawaiians with their fair share of the
public land trust revenues.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Democratic Party of Hawaii,
Hawaiian Affairs Caucus; Kamehameha Schools; and four individuals.
Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure
from the Center of Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies.


Your Committee finds that the Hawaii State Constitution does
not define what percentage of the public land trust income and
proceeds the Office of Hawaiian Affairs should receive on behalf
of native Hawaiians because that determination was left to the
Legislature. The Legislature determined that native Hawaiians
should receive at least twenty percent of the public land trust
revenue. Twenty percent of the total revenues of the public land
trust is estimated to be at least \$34,963,244 as of fiscal year
2015-2016. Native Hawaiians, through the Office of Hawaiian
Affairs, have yet to be provided with their fair share of the



public land trust revenue. The State should provide the Office of Hawaiian Affairs with its fair share of the revenue to demonstrate that the State is committed to fulfilling its public land trust obligations owed to native Hawaiians and to improving the conditions for native Hawaiians in the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 57 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
HWN

Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR 57	Committee Referral: HWN, WAM	Date: 3/12/20		
<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
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (C)	/			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i (VC)	/			
IHARA, Jr., Les	/			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	5			0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes