

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1028

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1028 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE KOKE'E STATE PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the Koke'e State Park Advisory Council.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that the Koke'e State Park Advisory Council is tasked with reviewing and assisting in updating, revising, and implementing the Koke'e State Park Master Plan; advising and assisting in the management of the Koke'e recreational cabin leases; enhancing community education and cultural awareness of Koke'e State Park; and participating in the protection and preservation of Koke'e State Park's natural and cultural resources. Your Committee further finds that the Koke'e State Park Advisory Council's work led to the development and completion of the Koke'e/Waimea Canyon Final Master Plan and Environmental Impact Statement in 2015. Your Committee finds, however, that the Koke'e State Park Advisory Council has not met in over five years nor has it been populated with necessary members.



Your Committee further finds that there are alternative models of acquiring community collaboration. In other master plan implementations, ad hoc community advisory committees were utilized to provide beneficial community input without the burdensome restrictions associated with legislatively created bodies. As such, the Department of Land and Natural Resources has the ability to work with community organizations that may provide valuable input in lieu of a dormant advisory committee.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1028 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



