

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1619

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 31 , 2021

RE: H.R. No. 115

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.R. No. 115 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MEKIA KEALAKAI'S BIRTHDAY OF
OCTOBER 15 AS ROYAL HAWAIIAN TROUBADOURS DAY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to recognize Mekia Kealakai's birthday of October 15 as Royal Hawaiian Troubadours Day.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Kawaihapai Ohana.

Your Committee finds that Mekia Kealakai was part of the wave of Hawaiian string bands in the early twentieth century, known as the Royal Hawaiian Troubadour generation, that travelled and performed on the world fairs, chautauquas, and vaudeville circuits and raised international awareness and recognition of Hawaiian culture and music. Your Committee further finds that the style of music performed by the Hawaiian string bands heavily influenced what is now considered quintessentially American music, and the innovation in guitar design pioneered by Mekia Kealakai had long-lasting impacts on music icons from Elvis Presley to Bob Marley. This measure celebrates the contributions to the musical arts of the Hawaiian Troubadour Generation through the recognition of October 15, 2021, as Royal Hawaiian Troubadours Day.

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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 concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 115 and recommends its adoption.

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


for

MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair

State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-first Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HR 115	Committee Referral: CAJ, JHA	Date: 3/29/2021		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)	X			
2. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. (VC)	X			
3. ICHIYAMA, Linda	X			
4. KOBAYASHI, Dale T.	X			
5. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.				X
6. LOWEN, Nicole E.	X			
7. McKELVEY, Angus L.K.	X			
8. NAKAMURA, Nadine K.				X
9. TAKUMI, Roy M.	X			
10. TODD, Chris	X			
11. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	X			
12. WARD, Gene	X			
TOTAL (12)	10	0	0	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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