

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2449  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2022  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2449 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE ARCHIVES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Appropriate funds for additional staff positions in the Hawaii State Archives to assist with its mission and increase public access to historical documents and artifacts;
- (2) Provide funding for the construction of an additional building to address the current and future facilities needs of the Hawaii State Archives;
- (3) Require all departments, offices, and agencies of the State to conduct an inventory of all documents in their possession related to the culture and history of Hawaii and Native Hawaiians and submit a report on the inventory; and
- (4) Require the Hawaii State Archives to develop a plan to acquire those documents and submit the plan to the Legislature.



Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services and Hawaii State Archives. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii State Archives performs a critical function in preserving Hawaii's rich culture and history. The mission of the Hawaii State Archives is to "ensure open government by preserving and making accessible the historic records of state government and to partner with state agencies to manage their active and inactive records." This measure will assist the Hawaii State Archives with its mission by expanding its operations and collection of documents and artifacts and promoting greater public access and engagement.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation and general obligation bond authorization to unspecified amounts;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2044, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

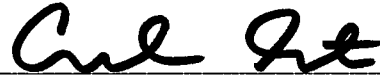
Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider:

- (1) Appropriating \$720,000 for additional staff positions in the Hawaii State Archives; and
- (2) Authorizing the Director of Finance to issue \$50,000,000 in general obligation bonds for the purpose of financing an additional building for the Hawaii State Archives.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2449, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2449, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Culture, Arts, &  
International Affairs,



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CEDRIC ASUEGA GATES, Chair



