STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1502 -22

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 29 , 2022

RE: H.C.R. No. 162

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.C.R. No. 162 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII COUNCIL FOR THE HUMANITIES, STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS, AND THE HAWAII STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM TO COLLABORATE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HAWAII STATE POET LAUREATE PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Hawaii Council for the Humanities, State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, and Hawaii State Public Library System to collaborate for the establishment of a Hawaii State Poet Laureate Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, Hawai'i Council for the Humanities, Pacific Tongues, and fourteen individuals.

Your Committee finds that literature and poetry are a way to blend multicultural voices, languages, and traditions in a manner that promotes dialogue, pride, and understanding within the State's diverse communities and with the world. On a national level, the promotion of poetry is done through the periodic appointment of a poet laureate by the Librarian of Congress. Your Committee further finds that the Hawaii Council for the Humanities, State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, and Hawaii State Public Library System have the qualifications to establish a

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Hawaii State Poet Laureate Program to nurture and connect the various cultures in Hawaii through the promotion of poetry.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 162 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

CEDRIC ASUEGA GATES,

## State of Hawaii



## Record of Votes of the Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HCR 162 Committee Referral: CAI, FIN Date: 13/23/2022				
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
CAI Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. GATES, Cedric Asuega (C)	1			
2. TAM, Adrian K. (VC)				
3. HAR, Sharon E.	1			
4. KAPELA, Jeanne				
5. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	<u> </u>			
6. YAMANE, Ryan I.	7			
7. WARD, Gene				10 June 10 July 22
TOTAL (7)				
The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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