

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **1539**-22

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 30**, 2022

RE: H.C.R. No. 27  
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.C.R. No. 27 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU TO RE-DESIGNATE THE CENSUS-DESIGNATED PLACE KNOWN AS CAPTAIN COOK ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII AS KA'AWALOA AND REQUESTING HAWAII COUNTY TO REMOVE ALL REFERENCES TO CAPTAIN COOK AS A PLACE NAME ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request:

- (1) The United States Census Bureau to re-designate the census-designated place known as Captain Cook on the island of Hawaii as Ka'awaloa; and
- (2) Hawaii County to remove all references to Captain Cook as a place name on the island of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from The KoLab and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies.

Your Committee finds that Captain Cook is a census-designated place in South Kona named after the area's post office, which was

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located in the Captain Cook Coffee Company during the early 1900s. Your Committee further finds that prior to being designated as Captain Cook, the area was home to a thriving Hawaiian village and royal residence known as Ka'awaloa. Your Committee finds re-designating the area as Ka'awaloa would recognize and honor the rich and storied history of Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 27, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 27, H.D. 1.

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



CEDRIC ASUEGA GATES, Chair



