

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 19 , 2022

RE: S.C.R. No. 119

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 119 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO RENAME THE RUSSIAN FORT ELISABETH STATE HISTORICAL PARK IN WAIMEA, KAUA'I, AS "PA'ULA'ULA","

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Board of Land and Natural Resources to rename the Russian Fort Elisabeth State Historical Park in Waimea, Kaua'i, as "Pa'ula'ula".

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the State Aha Moku, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the area currently known as Russian Fort Elisabeth State Historical Park is traditionally named "Pa'ula'ula." Your Committee also finds that the Russian-American Company played a brief and limited role in the area's history, and that the State Historical Park's current name is misleading. This measure seeks to revise the naming, signage, and interpretive documents of the State Historical Park to reflect its rich multicultural history, and to support the State Constitution's provisions promoting the study of Hawaiian culture, history, and



language.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 119 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Water & Land,



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DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



