

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3615

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 181
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 181 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTS THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I
TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE CREATION OF A
MARSHALLESE COMMUNITY CENTER IN HAWAIIAN OCEAN VIEW ESTATES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
County of Hawai'i to conduct a feasibility study on the creation of
a Marshallese Community Center in Hawaiian Ocean View Estates.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from one member of the Hawai'i County Council.

Your Committee finds the effects of the United States'
nuclear testing in the central Pacific from 1946 to 1958,
including in and above the Marshall Islands, now known as the
Republic of the Marshall Islands, resulted in numerous inhabitants
being forced to relocate to other countries. This Marshallese
diaspora includes the approximately fourteen hundred migrants who
currently reside in Hawaiian Ocean View Estates in the County of
Hawai'i. Your Committee further finds that the coronavirus disease
2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has exacerbated the public health crisis
for Pacific Islanders, including lack of access to health care and
disparities in other social determinants of health, resulting in
non-Hawaiian Pacific Islanders making up more than a quarter of



COVID-19 cases, despite comprising just four percent of the State's population. This measure will allow policy makers to obtain necessary information pertaining to the feasibility of creating a Marshallese Community Center in Hawaiian Ocean View Estates to assist the Marshallese community by providing various services, including group activities, public information and assistance, social support, and perpetuation of culture.

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

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 181, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 181, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services,




JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Human Services
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SCR 181	HMS	03/29/2022		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)	✓			
ACASIO, Laura				✓
MISALUCHA, Bennette E.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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