

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3359

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2022

RE: S.R. No. 45

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 Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred
S.R. No. 45 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE WAIANAE MOKU KUPUNA
COUNCIL AS AN ADVISORY RESOURCE TO THE ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE
LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII REPRESENTING THE WAIANAE
MOKU COMMUNITY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request that the
Waianae Moku Kupuna Council be designated by the Legislature as an
advisory resource to its elected members representing the Waianae
Moku community.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from two individuals.

Your Committee finds that kupuna play an important role
within households, businesses, and communities. The Waianae Moku
Kupuna Council consists of members who are sixty years of age or
older and are westside Oahu residents who have vast historic and
cultural knowledge. This resolution requests that the Waianae
Moku Kupuna Council be designated as an advisory resource to
elected members of the Legislature to provide key perspective and
input on various issues that are of importance to the Waianae Moku
community.



Your Committee notes the concerns of the Hawaii State Aha Moku regarding the make-up, focus, and objective of this Council and whether if all Moku follow and become formally recognized by the Legislature, there would be conflict between separate Moku. Your Committee finds that the Waianae Moku Kupuna Council's role as a resource would be helpful to legislators of the district and that concerns raised should be monitored.

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

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 45, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 45, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,



MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair



