

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1417

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2023

RE: H.B. No. 110
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, to which was referred H.B. No. 110, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the use of diacritical marks for Hawaiian words on special number plates.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition of this measure from the Honolulu Police Department.

Prior to the hearing on this measure, your Committee posted and made available for public review a proposed S.D. 1, which amends this measure by deleting its contents and inserting language authorizing the issuance of special number plates to commemorate Duke Kahanamoku.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the proposed S.D. 1 from the Ocean Safety Division of the Department of Emergency Services of the City and County of Honolulu; Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation; Ikaika Hawaii; Servco Pacific, Inc.; Hawaii Aquatics Foundation; and thirteen individuals.



Your Committee finds that Duke Kahanamoku is a legendary waterman who was a five-time Olympic medalist in swimming and water polo, a dedicated public servant, and Hawaii's first ambassador of aloha. As one of the first internationally recognized surfers and Native Hawaiians, Duke Kahanamoku shared surfing and the aloha spirit, which brought international attention to Hawaii. This measure honors Duke Kahanamoku's world-renowned achievements while also raising awareness for water safety and swim education in Hawaii's coastal areas.

Your Committee has amended this measure by adopting the proposed S.D. 1.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 110, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 110, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation and
Culture and the Arts,



CHRIS LEE, Chair



