

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 16 2024

RE: H.C.R. No. 32

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred
H.C.R. No. 32 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS TO IDENTIFY THE SCOPE OF NATIVE HAWAIIAN
CULTURAL APPROPRIATENESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDRESSING NATIVE
HAWAIIAN DISPARITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Office of Hawaiian Affairs to identify the scope of Native
Hawaiian cultural appropriateness for the purpose of addressing
Native Hawaiian disparities with emphasis on the following
priority areas:

- (1) Native Hawaiian economic development needs;
- (2) Native Hawaiian education needs;
- (3) Native Hawaiian health needs; and
- (4) Native Hawaiian housing needs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, State Council on
Developmental Disabilities, and two individuals.



Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the State, on condition of its admission into the Union, was entrusted with continuously pursuing the betterment of conditions of Native Hawaiians. However, Native Hawaiians continue to confront pronounced disparities and inequities in crucial aspects of life that are the consequences of enduring structural racism rooted in historical injustices. Your Committee further finds that the State lacks a comprehensive guiding document on Native Hawaiian cultural appropriateness to inform decision-making in an inclusive, respectful, and effective manner that is sensitive to Native Hawaiian cultural identity and heritage in accordance with the interests and aspirations of Native Hawaiians. Your Committee therefore believes that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs should conduct a study identifying the scope of Native Hawaiian cultural appropriateness to address the disparities Native Hawaiians face in all aspects of life.

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 H.C.R. No. 32, and recommends its adoption.

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

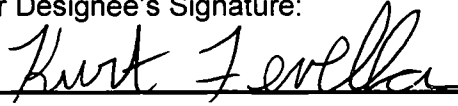


MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* HCR 32	Committee Referral: HWN	Date: 4/11/2024		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (C)	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt (VC)	X			
IHARA, Jr., Les				X
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	X			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	X			
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes