STAND. COM. REP. NO. 218

Honolulu, Hawaii

**APR 15** , 2025

S.C.R. No. 169 RE: S.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2025 State of Hawaii

## Madame:

Your Committee on Culture & Arts, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 169, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE ARCHIVES TO EXPAND PUBLIC OUTREACH, SHARE HAWAII'S HISTORY THAT MAY PROVE RELEVANT TODAY, CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, AND EVALUATE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT ITS MISSION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- Request the State Archives to expand public outreach, share Hawaii's history that may prove relevant today, create opportunities for public discussion and civic engagement, and evaluate funding opportunities to support its mission; and
- (2) Request the Department of Accounting and General Services to conduct a study on the potential for revenue generation opportunities of a new State Archives facility being developed and long-term source of funding for the operations and programs of the State Archives.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Your Committee finds that the State Archives maintains a vast array of historically significant and irreplaceable records of Hawaii's history, including world-leading innovations and social equality initiatives. Your Committee further finds that the State Archives outgrew its original facility in 1953 and has now exceeded its storage capacity for a second time, resulting in a vault of documentary history inaccessible to researchers and curious learners. Your Committee believes there exists a strong and clear need to provide easy access to Hawaii's history to encourage civic engagement and support the hard work of the state archivists.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture & Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 169, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Culture & Arts.

FANNE KAFETA, Chair

## State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-third Legislature

## **Record of Votes of the Committee on Culture & Arts**

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date	* . / .	
SER 169 501	CAA		4/11/25	
The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to:  Pass, unamended (as is)  Pass, with amendments (HD)  Hold  Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
CAA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. KAPELA, Jeanne (C)				
2. KONG, Sam Satoru (VC)			1 100 m 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	
3. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya				
4. LEE, Mike		- Unidable		**************************************
5. SAYAMA, Jackson D.				
6. REYES ODA, Julie				
TOTAL (6)	6			0
The recommendation is:  Adopted  If joint referral, did not support recommendation.  committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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