

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12, 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2736

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2736 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE GESTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to adopt, establish, and designate the shaka as the official gesture of the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Bulletin; Hawaii.bio Inc.; Pono Connections LLC; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that all origin theories of the shaka gesture have the shaka developing within the State. Your Committee further finds that the shaka has positive connotations as it is used to share aloha, foster connection, and be pono. By adopting, establishing, and designating the shaka as the official gesture of the State, Hawaii can better preserve its brand association with the shaka, better secure recognition as the birthplace of the shaka, and better preserve the meaning of the shaka.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2736, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2736, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Culture, Arts, &
International Affairs,



ADRIAN K. TAM, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Culture, Arts & International Affairs

| Bill/Resolution No.: #B 2736 | Committee Referral: CAI, JHA | Date: 2/7/24 | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure. | | | | |
| The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) | | | | |
| CAI Members | Ayes | Ayes (WR) | Nays | Excused |
| 1. TAM, Adrian K. (C) | ✓ | | | |
| 2. MARTINEZ, Rose (VC) | | | | ✓ |
| 3. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya | ✓ | | | |
| 4. KAPELA, Jeanne | ✓ | | | |
| 5. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. | ✓ | | | |
| 6. SAYAMA, Jackson D. | | | | ✓ |
| 7. ALCOS III, David | ✓ | | | |
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| TOTAL (7) | 5 | - | - | 2 |
| The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small> | | | | |
| Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ | | | | |
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