

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 29 2024

RE: S.B. No. 3281
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 3281, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CULTURE AND THE ARTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to ensure that the operations of the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History and the State of Hawaii Museum of Monarchy History are aligned with the State's vision for the museums.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Renames the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History as the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Indigenous History;
- (2) Requires the governing boards of the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Indigenous History and the State of Hawaii Museum of Monarchy History to each include two non-voting members to represent certain state agencies and departments;
- (3) Requires the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Indigenous History to submit an annual report to the Legislature; and



- (4) Establishes requirements for the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Indigenous History to receive state funds in the future.

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

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Friends of Hawaii History, Bishop Museum, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that this measure will help to ensure that State funds appropriated for the State of Hawaii Museum of Monarchy History and the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Indigenous History are expended in an accountable, auditable, and appropriate manner.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the amount appropriated from \$5,000,000 to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure; and
- (3) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3281, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3281, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



