STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu Hawaii JAN 30 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 1144 H.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 Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 1144 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to allow the Department of Land and Natural Resources to employ civil service and non-civil service professional and technical staff in its State Historic Preservation Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO.

Your Committee finds that existing law requires the State Historic Preservation Program to employ professional and technical staff in compliance with the State's civil service requirement. Your Committee further finds that authorizing a civil service exemption for these employees will enable the State Historic Preservation Program to maintain competitive compensation with the private sector, retain staff, and fill vacancies.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Labor, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider whether to reprice and reclassify these positions as an alternative means of ensuring competitive compensation for these positions.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1144, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1144, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Labor.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Water & Land,

MARK J. HASHEM, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-third Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Water & Land

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