

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 410  
H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred  
H.B. No. 410, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF  
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate  
moneys to fund the operating expenses of the Office of Hawaiian  
Affairs for the fiscal biennium beginning on July 1, 2025, and  
ending on June 30, 2027.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Ko'olaupia Hawaiian Civic  
Club, Queen Emma Hawaiian Civic Club, Ohana Unity Party, and  
twenty-six individuals.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this  
measure from two individuals.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from one  
individual.

Your Committee finds that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is  
the constitutionally established body responsible for protecting  
and promoting the rights of Native Hawaiians in the State. Among  
its statutory duties, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is required



to serve as the principal public agency in the State responsible for the performance, development, and coordination of programs and activities relating to Native Hawaiians; assess the policies and practices of other agencies impacting Native Hawaiians; and conduct advocacy efforts for Native Hawaiians. In fulfillment of these duties, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs requests general fund appropriations for each fiscal biennium to fund the Office's biennium budget as necessary to ensure the continued provision of high-quality services to its beneficiaries. This measure appropriates funds to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for operating expenses and to accelerate implementation of Mana i Maui Ola, the fifteen-year strategic plan to advance the well-being of Office of Hawaiian Affairs beneficiaries.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 410, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Herb M. Richards", followed by a large stylized flourish or "H" shape.

HERBERT M. RICHARDS, III, Chair



**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Hawaiian Affairs**  
**HWN**

\*Only one measure per Record of Votes