

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2118

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 15, 2025

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

- (1) 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.

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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,



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JEANNE KAPEIA, Chair



