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**REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS TO COMPLETE THE 2017
INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL AUDIT AND MANAGEMENT REVIEW OF THE OFFICE OF
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES.**

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

April 1, 2019

10:20 a.m.

Room 211

The OHA Board of Trustees (BOT) offers the following **COMMENTS** on this measure, which requests that OHA complete an audit---commissioned by the BOT themselves and paid for by Trust funds---to improve operations in furtherance of OHA's legal mandate to better the conditions of Native Hawaiians.

In September 2018, the BOT engaged an external CPA firm, CliffordLarsonAllen LLP (CLA) to conduct an independent audit of the agency and its LLCs, approving \$500,000 in trust funds to audit FY12 through FY16. The term of the contract is from Sept. 4, 2018 through April 30, 2019. The audit is ongoing and the Board's commitment remains firm. The Resource Management (RM) Committee Chair serves as the contract monitor, with assistance from the RM Vice Chair. A status update to the Board in a public meeting, by the RM Committee, is expected in early April; and the status can be relayed to the Legislature at that time.

OHA appreciates the intent of this resolution.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.