STAND. COM. REP. NO.

544

Honolulu, Hawaii

Fe-516, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1791 H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Fourth State Legislature Regular Session of 2007 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1791 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IOLANI PALACE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to preserve, restore, interpret, share, and celebrate the unique cultural, historical, and spiritual qualities of Iolani Palace for the benefit of native Hawaiians and the people of Hawaii and the world, by:

- (1) Directing the chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources to enter into a 999 year lease of the historic site of Iolani Palace with the Friends of Iolani Palace, a non-profit organization that is responsible for the stewardship of Iolani Palace, by direct negotiation and without a public auction; and
- (2) Providing that under the lease, the Friends of Iolani Palace shall protect, manage, display, develop, and interpret, the historic site of Iolani Palace and its buildings, adjacent lands, historic contents, furnishings, collections, and artifacts.

This bill also specifically provides that the lease with Friends of Iolani Palace does not relieve the State of its funding obligations for the maintenance and preservation of Iolani Palace.

The Friends of Iolani Palace, Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Pearl Harbor Hawaiian Civic Club, and Hawaiian Civic Club of Hilo testified in support of this bill. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs supported this bill with amendments. The Department of Land and Natural Resources opposed this measure.

Upon further consideration, your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the authorized lease period from 999 years to an unspecified number of years; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1791, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1791, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs,

KEN ITO, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-fourth Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.:	Date:	Date:			
НВ 1791	Fe	Feb. 9, 2007			
Committee Referral: WLH, FIN		☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended	A Pass, with amendments				
☐ Hold	 Pass, with amendments, for recommittal for further consideration 				
WLH Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused	
1. ITO, Ken (C)	<u> </u>				
2. CHONG, Pono (VC)	/				
3. CARROLL, Mele	V				
4. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.	V				
5. MORITA, Hermina M.					
6. SAGUM, Roland D., III					
7. SAIKI, Scott K.					
8. THIELEN, Cynthia					
TOTAL	7			1	
The recommendation is:					
□ Not Adopted					
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:					
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