STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1903

Honolulu, Hawaii

Agr: \ 30 , 2009 RE: H.R. No. 202 H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2009 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.R. No. 202 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR, THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO ORGANIZE AND CONVENE A CONFERENCE TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS FOR A HAWAIIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to lay the groundwork for a democratic process of deciding native Hawaiian self-governance by requesting the Governor, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) to organize and convene a conference to begin discussions relating to holding a Hawaiian constitutional convention.

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs supported this measure with amendments. The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands supported the intent of this measure. The Royal Order of Kamehameha, Nation of Hawaii, and several concerned individuals opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this resolution according to the issues upon which all testifiers agree, by:

(1) Removing language requiring the conference to be organized and convened by the Governor, OHA, and DHHL;

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- (2) Providing that the Legislature supports the efforts of the Hawaiian community to organize and convene a conference;
- (3) Providing that the membership of any conference is to determined by the Hawaiian community;
- (4) Urging the Governor, OHA, and DHHL, to identify a means of providing some financial support to the Hawaiian community that will ensure the opportunity for full discussion and consideration of issues critical to the self-governance of the native Hawaiian people;
- (5) Amending its title to read: "HOUSE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS BY THE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY TO ORGANIZE AND CONVENE A CONFERENCE TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS FOR A NATIVE HAWAIIAN SELF GOVERNANCE AND RECONCILIATION PROCESS"; and
- (6) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 202, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 202, H.D. 1.

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

MELE CARROLL, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:		Date:		
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HAW Members	A	yes Ayes (WR) N	ays Excused	
1. CARROLL, Mele (C)					
2. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (V	C) /				
3. BELATTI, Della Au					
4. BERTRAM, Joe, III					
5. BROWER, Tom					
6. MIZUNO, John M.	16 (144)				
7. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.					
7. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.					
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.					
9. WARD, Gene					
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