

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 25, 2014

RE: H.R. No. 116
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.R. No. 116 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS TO COLLABORATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO CREATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES FOR THE PERPETUATION AND USE OF NATIVE HAWAIIAN PLANTS AND RESOURCES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to collaborate with the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to create economic development initiatives for the perpetuation and use of Native Hawaiian plants and resources.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs provided comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Urging the Department of Agriculture, rather than the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, to collaborate with the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, and accordingly amending the title to read:
"URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO COLLABORATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,



AND TOURISM TO CREATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES FOR THE PERPETUATION AND USE OF NATIVE HAWAIIAN PLANTS AND RESOURCES";

- (2) Requesting the Department of Agriculture to submit a report to the Legislature, no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2015, on the progress made concerning the establishment of economic development initiatives created to perpetuate and use Native Hawaiian plants and resources; and
- (3) Transmitting a certified copy of this measure to the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, rather than the Chief Executive Officer and the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Your Committee urges the Department of Agriculture to consult with the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources of the University of Hawaii and Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation in addition to working with the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism in developing initiatives for the perpetuation and use of Native Hawaiian plants and resources.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 116, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Business in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 116, H.D. 1.

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



FAYE P. HANOHANO, Chair



