STAND. COM. REP. NO. 57

Honolulu, Hawaii March 29, 2017

RE: H.C.R. No. 177

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2017 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 177 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII SISTER-STATE COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE THE SISTER-STATE APPLICATION AND, UPON APPROVAL, PROCEED WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SISTER-PROVINCE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII AND THE PROVINCE OF AKLAN OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote the relationship between Hawaii and the Philippine province of Aklan by requesting the Hawaii Sister-state Committee to:

- (1) Evaluate the sister-state application of the Province of Aklan of the Republic of the Philippines; and
- (2) Upon approval of the application, proceed with the establishment of a sister-province relationship between the State of Hawaii and the Province of Aklan for the economic, social, cultural, educational, and environmental benefit of the people of both places.

The Consulate General of the Republic of the Philippines in Honolulu; The Filipino Community Center, Inc.; Aklan State University; Congress of Visayan Organizations; Aklan Cultural



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Society of Hawaii; and several concerned individuals supported this measure. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and a concerned individual supported the intent of the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 177 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts, /

KEN ITO, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:		Date	Date: 2/2 1/1		
HCR 177 VM, FIN 3/23/17 The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.						
The recommendation is to: Image: Pass, unamended (as is) Image: Pass, with amendments (HD) Image: Hold Image: Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)						
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7. WOODSON, Justin H.						
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If joint referral, did not support recommendation.						
committee acronym(s)						
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