

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1451

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred  
S.B. No. 1451 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE HOLIDAYS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish Lā  
Kū'oko'a, Hawaiian Recognition Day, and to remove Presidents' Day  
from the list of state holidays.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; INPEACE; Bishop Museum; Papa  
Ola Lōkahi; Kamehameha Schools; Hawaiian Civic Club of Hilo; We  
Are One, Inc.; Ku-A-Kanaka; Ka Lāhui Hawai'i Political Action  
Committee; Prince Kūhiō Hawaiian Civic Club; The Association of  
Hawaiian Civic Clubs; Ke One O Kākuhihewa, O'ahu Council -  
Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs; O'ahu County Committee on  
Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i;  
Democratic Party of Hawaii, Hawaiian Affairs Caucus; Democratic  
Party of Hawaii, Hawaiian Affairs Caucus Executive Committee; and  
fourteen individuals. Your Committee received testimony in  
opposition to this measure from the Center for Hawaiian  
Sovereignty Studies.

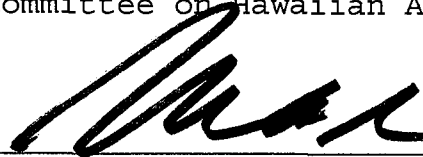
Your Committee finds that reestablishing Lā Kū'oko'a as an  
official state holiday is a way to restore important connections  
to Hawaii's rich cultural and political history. Establishing Lā  
Kū'oko'a is a means to honor the cultural foundations our modern



state is built on and bring lessons from Hawaii's socially progressive history into the present.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1451 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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



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MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair



