

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1558

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 27 2019

RE: S.R. No. 151

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.R. No. 151 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
TO COMPLETE THE 2017 INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL AUDIT AND
MANAGEMENT REVIEW OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS AND ITS
SUBSIDIARIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Office of Hawaiian Affairs to complete the 2017 independent
financial audit and management review of the Office of Hawaiian
Affairs and its subsidiaries.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies. Your Committee
received comments on this measure from the Office of Hawaiian
Affairs.

Your Committee finds independent audits are important tools
to assess an organization's financial and management performance
and to help measure an agency's mission implementation, program
management, and expenditures of public funds. In 2017, the Office
of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees authorized an independent
financial audit and management review of the Office of Hawaiian
Affairs and its subsidiaries to address concerns raised by the
Board. In the Office of the Auditor's Report No. 18-03, Audit of
the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the Auditor raised concerns



similar to those of the Board regarding spending irregularities pertaining to alternate funding processes for limited liability companies created by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Your Committee acknowledges that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs has taken proactive steps to improve its internal processes. To continue that forward momentum, your Committee urges the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to complete the 2017 independent financial audit and management review of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and its subsidiaries.

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 S.R. No. 151 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair



The Senate
 Thirtieth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312 Pass, with amendments 2311 Hold 2310 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (C)	/			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i (VC)				/
IHARA, Jr., Les	/			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett				/
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	<i>3</i>			<i>2</i>

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: 

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