

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1224

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 15 2019

RE: H.B. No. 455
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 455, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission to effectively meet the unique challenges of restoring, preserving, and determining the appropriate uses of the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve for the people of Hawaii and for two positions for the Commission.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission, Aha Moku Advisory Committee, County of Maui, Ocean Tourism Coalition, and fourteen individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies.

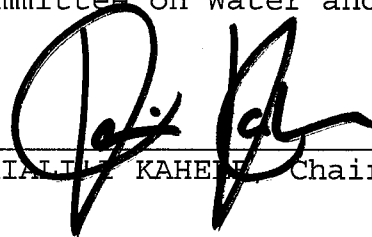
Your Committee finds that extensive erosion and other ecological problems and the presence of unexploded ordnance, archaeological and other cultural and historic sites, and native and endangered flora and fauna necessitated a new management regime to effectively meet the unique challenges of restoring, preserving, and determining the appropriate use of Kaho'olawe. As a result, management and control of Kaho'olawe was transferred to



the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission in 2004, with funding from federal and state sources; however, funding has run low in recent years. Your Committee further finds that the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission is not only restoring the ecological damage on Kaho'olawe and protecting its endangered and rare flora and fauna, it is also ensuring that the people of Hawaii who access the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve can do so meaningfully and safely. Therefore, your Committee finds it necessary to provide adequate funding for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 455, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water and Land,




KAIALI'I KAHELE Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>HB 455, HD1</i>	Committee Referral: <i>WTL, WAM</i>	Date: <i>3/11/19</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KAHELE, Kaiali'i (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				X
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	<i>4</i>			<i>1</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes