STAND. COM. REP. NO. 135

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 8 - 2019

RE: S.B. No. 803

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, to which was referred S.B. No. 803 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAIIAN CULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to remove a provision designating the Hawaii Convention Center as the location for operation of a Hawaiian Center and the Museum of Hawaiian Music and Dance.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that under existing law, \$79,000,000 of transient accommodations tax revenue is allocated per year to the tourism special fund and of that amount, \$1,000,000 is allocated for the operation of a Hawaiian Center and Museum of Hawaiian Music and Dance at the Hawaii Convention Center. However, your Committee further finds that the Hawaii Convention Center roof must be fixed before the Center can accommodate the operation of a Hawaiian Center and the Museum. This measure will eliminate the requirement for the Hawaiian Center and the Museum to be located at the Hawaii Convention Center, which will allow the roof to be fixed and the Hawaiian Center and the Museum to be moved to a more appropriate location in the interim.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 803 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 Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism,

GLENN WAKAT Chair

The Senate Thirtieth Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism EET

Bill / Resolution No.:* SP 803	Committee Referral: Date: 21,119				
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
WAKAI, Glenn (C)					
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (VC)					
INOUYE, Lorraine R.					V
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett					
FEVELLA, Kurt		V			
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes