

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1508  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1508, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to provide funding for the improvement of Native Hawaiian communities and culture.

Specifically, this measure appropriates moneys to:

- (1) The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to improve Native Hawaiian communities and culture through various assistance services, including but not limited to services that offer Native Hawaiian historic preservation, business training, entrepreneurship, and mentoring; and
- (2) The Department of Land and Natural Resources for repatriation and reburials of Native Hawaiians nationally and internationally.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement; Kapolei Chamber of Commerce; and three individuals.



Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from the Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Your Committee finds that funding a virtual marketplace to assist local artisans and businesses to adapt to e-commerce and an innovation center that provides workshops, counseling, loan assistance, and broadband access would help to develop and grow businesses in Hawaii. Your Committee also finds that it is appropriate for the State to support repatriation efforts to return iwi kupuna and related funerary articles to Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1508, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

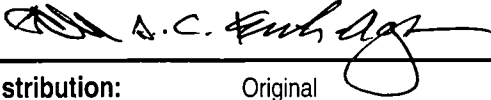
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB 1508 HDI SDI</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HWN, WAM</b>	Date: <b>4/6/23</b>		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
WAKAI, Glenn				X
FEVELLA, Kurt				X
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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