

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2927**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 01 2024**

RE: S.B. No. 3123  
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 3123, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ACCESS TO VITAL RECORDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to access vital records for purposes of verifying native Hawaiian ancestry for beneficiary programs; and
- (2) Require the Department of Health and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement to assure appropriate access and handling of confidential records and sealed records that have been unsealed pursuant to court order.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Department of Health, and Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that, pursuant to existing law and administrative rules, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands must verify the requisite amounts of native Hawaiian or Hawaiian lineage for beneficiaries. The current length for the Department



of Hawaiian Home Lands to receive vital records once requested is approximately four to six weeks. This measure will ease certain administrative inefficiencies for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and directly benefit beneficiaries, who suffer the most when the requirement to obtain, and then verify, certain records delays requests to transfer their application or lease rights.

Your Committee has amended this measure by clarifying that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is authorized to access vital records for purposes of verifying Native Hawaiian ancestry for beneficiary programs.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3123, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3123, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary,



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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**JDC**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 3123 SD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HWN   HHS, JDC</b>	Date: <b>02   23   24</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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓	✓		
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.				✓
AWA, Brenton	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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