

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2849

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 541
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred
S.B. No. 541, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to designate the
seventeenth day of January of each year as Reconciliation Day, to
commemorate the memory of Queen Liliuokalani and the illegal
overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from seven individuals.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this
measure from two individuals.

Your Committee finds that on January 17, 1893, the Kingdom of
Hawaii witnessed the unjust and illegal overthrow of its sovereign
monarch, Queen Liliuokalani, resulting in the disruption of the
Hawaiian government and the sovereignty of the Hawaiian people.
The actions that culminated in the overthrow of Queen Liliuokalani
and the Kingdom of Hawaii were inconsistent with the principles of
justice, self-determination, and international law. In 1993, the
United States Congress, through P.L. 103-150, formally
acknowledged and apologized for the wrongful acts that the United
States committed on January 17, 1893. This measure establishes



Reconciliation Day to recognize and remember this historical injustice and to advance efforts made towards reconciliation.

Your Committee notes that Reconciliation Day should be a state holiday and recognizes that establishing Reconciliation Day without granting it full state holiday status is a step towards that goal. In the future, your Committee believes that the State should organize and encourage events that educate the public and state employees about the illegal overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii, its ongoing legacy, and the dispossession of the Hawaiian people.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 541, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
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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)	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt (VC)	X			
IHARA, Jr., Les	X			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	X 151	X		
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	X			
TOTAL	4	1		

Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:
Kurt Fevella

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