

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 307
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Culture & Arts, to which was referred H.B. No. 307 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL NUMBER PLATES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the issuance of special number plates to recognize restoration and preservation efforts on Kaho'olawe Island by the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana, Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission, and other community members.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission; Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana; Kua'aina Ulu 'Auamo; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that January 4, 2026, marks the fiftieth anniversary of the first successful landing on Kaho'olawe by nine courageous individuals, known as the "Kaho'olawe 9", in support of Native Hawaiian sovereignty and self-determination, initiating an island wide movement to "Stop the Bombing" and the United States' military use of the island of Kaho'olawe. In subsequent years, the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana and Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission were formed and worked with the Department of Land and Natural Resources to undertake the stewardship of the island to restore

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vital cultural practices and preserve Kaho'olawe's natural ecosystem. Your Committee finds it appropriate to honor Kaho'olawe with a special name plate to support the ongoing efforts of restoration and preservation of the land and culture.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture & Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 307, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 307, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Culture & Arts,


JEANNE KABELA, Chair



