

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1881

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 15 2025

RE: H.C.R. No. 142

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Economic Development and Tourism and Transportation and Culture and the Arts, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 142 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY AND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO EXPAND THE KĀHEA AIRPORT GREETINGS PROGRAM TO DISPLAY KEIKI ART IN ALL NEIGHBOR ISLAND AIRPORTS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Hawaii Tourism Authority and Department of Transportation to expand the Kahea Airport Greetings Program to display keiki art in all neighbor island airports.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from CARES.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority.

Your Committees find that the primary objective of the Hawaii Tourism Authority's Visitor Experience Initiative is to enhance visitor experience in the State while preserving and promoting Native Hawaiian culture in addition to Hawaii's multi-ethnic cultures and communities. Your Committees further find that one of the critical components of the Visitor Initiative is the Kahea Airport Greetings Program administered by the Hawaii Tourism



Authority and Department of Transportation that offers free, year-round Hawaiian entertainment and visitor education at airports across the State, fostering a Hawaiian sense of place. The program also supports young artists in the State by showcasing student artwork at Daniel K. Inouye International Airport. Your Committees conclude that by urging the expansion of the Kahea Airport Greetings Program to showcase Keiki art in all neighbor island airports, this measure will further enhance the visitor experience and gain deeper appreciation for the unique identities of each island while preserving and perpetuating Native Hawaiian culture.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Economic Development and Tourism and Transportation and Culture and the Arts that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 142, and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Economic
Development and Tourism and
Transportation and Culture and
the Arts,



CHRIS LEE, Chair



LYNN DECOITE, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
TCA

Bill / Resolution No.:* HCR 142	Committee Referral: EDT/ TCA	Date: 4-10-2025		
<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
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes