

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 210

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 269
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred
S.B. No. 269 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate
moneys to fund the operating expenses of the Office of Hawaiian
Affairs for the fiscal biennium beginning on 7/1/2025, and ending
on 6/30/2027.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Association of Hawaiian Civic
Clubs, Na'alehu Theatre, The Spoehr Foundation, Waianae Coast
Community Foundation, and thirty-nine individuals.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this
measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is a
constitutionally established body responsible for protecting and
promoting the rights of Native Hawaiians. This measure
appropriates funds for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs' operating
budget in support of plans for the upcoming biennium and is vital
to fulfilling the mandates of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.



Your Committee finds that the requested appropriation increases are necessary to adjust for the cost of inflation. Your Committee notes that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs' intent is to utilize the funds to fund thirteen new staff positions to accelerate implementation of its Mana I Maui Ola strategic plan. The thirteen-member team will evaluate existing programs and develop new programs and tactics to advance 'oiwi well-being and reduce disparities in health, housing, education and economic development, as set forth in the strategic plan.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that general fund appropriations shall be expended by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 269, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 269, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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


HERBERT RICHARDS, Chair



