

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 205

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 11 2025

RE: S.B. No. 624
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. 624 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PRINCE JONAH KUHIO
KALANIANAOLE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require certain
public buildings near mass transit projects and on Hawaiian home
lands to display portraits of Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaole.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Lahaina Hawaiian Civic
Club, Wai'anae Coast Community Foundation, and two individuals.

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

Your Committee finds that Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaole
spearheaded the passage of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act,
1920, as amended, and was responsible for instituting the county
system still in place today. As a statesman, Prince Kuhio shaped
the foundation for the State's modern government structure.
Accordingly, your Committee finds that it is appropriate to honor
Prince Kuhio through the display of his portraits.



Your Committee notes the discussion held with the community during the public hearing on this measure and requests that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands procure an official portrait of Prince Kuhio. Your Committee finds that it is appropriate to allow the Hawaiian community to provide feedback regarding which portrait of Prince Kuhio is most representative of his image and that the chosen artwork become the official portrait of the prince.

Your Committee has amended this measure by 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. 624, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 624, 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



Record of Votes
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
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