

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 51
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Economic Development and Technology, to which was referred S.R. No. 51 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO CONVENE A GOVERNOR'S SPECIAL TASK FORCE ON HAWAIIAN HISTORICAL SITES PRESERVATION,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Governor to convene a Governor's Special Task Force on Hawaiian Historical Sites Preservation to provide fiscal stability and a source of continuous funding for each of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, Hulihe'e Palace, Washington Place, and 'Iolani Palace.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Historic Hawaii Foundation, 'Iolani Palace, and Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committees find that all of the historic properties named in this measure are designated as significant historic resources. Bishop Museum and Hulihe'e Palace are designated on the National Register of Historic Places; and Washington Place and 'Iolani Palace are National Historic Landmarks, the highest level of recognition for historic significance and integrity. Mauna Ala, the Royal Mausoleum, is also on the National Register of Historic Places. Each of these sites is an important icon for



Hawaii residents and visitors. Yet all of them face great financial stress and challenges to preserve and restore their historic features and provide public programming.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending its title to request that the Senate Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Economic Development and Technology, rather than the Governor, convene a Special Task Force on Hawaiian Historical Sites Preservation;
- (2) Requesting that one representative from each committee serve as a co-chair of the special task force;
- (3) Including Mauna Ala, the Royal Mausoleum, among the sites within the purview of the special task force and adding information regarding the location and significance of Mauna Ala;
- (4) Amending the membership of the special task force by:
 - (A) Eliminating a designee of the Governor, a Senator selected by the President of the Senate, and a Representative selected by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
 - (B) Adding two Senators representing the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, two Senators representing the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology, two Representatives representing the House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, two Representatives representing the House Committee on Economic Revitalization and Business, and one representative of Mauna Ala to be selected by the co-chairs of the special task force; and
 - (C) Requiring the co-chairs of the special task force, rather than the Governor, to select one representative from each of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, Hulihe'e Palace, Washington Place, and 'Iolani Palace;
- (5) Inserting language that provides that the special task force members not be considered employees for the purposes of chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, based




solely upon their participation in the special task force; and

- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Economic Development and Technology that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 51, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 51, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Hawaiian Affairs and Economic Development and Technology,



CAROL FUKUNAGA, Chair



BRICKWOOD GALUTERIA, Chair



