

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 707

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2015

RE: S.B. No. 825
S.D. 2

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 825, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CULTURAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN HAWAII AND PUERTO RICO,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to recognize the achievements and contributions of the Puerto Rican community in Hawaii.

Specifically, the measure establishes a Puerto Rican Exchange Commission to honor and recognize the contributions of the Puerto Rican people to Hawaii and commemorate the first Puerto Ricans to arrive in Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that like Hawaii, Puerto Rico is a strong island society with large agricultural and tourist industries. These similarities are just the beginning of the relationship between the islands. Puerto Rican immigration to Hawaii began in the early twentieth century, and ever since, Puerto Rican culture has played a significant role in Hawaii's culture. The creation of a commission to honor, recognize, and commemorate the heritage of the Puerto Rican culture will help Hawaii better understand and appreciate the rich contributions that Puerto Rican culture has made to Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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- (1) Placing the Commission in the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts instead of the Governor's Office;
- (2) Requiring the Commission to submit reports to the Legislature as well as the Governor; and
- (3) Deleting the appropriation for developing, planning, and coordinating various programs related to the cultural exchange program.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 825, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 825, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,

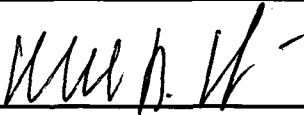


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB025 SD1	TSI/HEA, WAM	2/26/15		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne				✓
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood	✓			
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	3
Recommendation:				
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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