

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 10 2015

RE: H.B. No. 209
H.D. 2
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 H.B. No. 209, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, 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 funds for the operating costs of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for fiscal years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the Aha Moku Advisory Committee, Hawaii Green Growth, REACH Out Hawaii, and two individuals. Your Committee received written comments in opposition to this measure from the Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies and two individuals.

Your Committee recognizes the significance of the services and advocacy that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) provides its beneficiaries and acknowledges the need to ensure that OHA has sufficient resources to continue those services.

Your Committee has amended this measure by, among other things:



- (1) Providing \$500,000 in general funds and \$500,000 in trust funds in each fiscal year to be expended at OHA's discretion, knowing that OHA leverages state dollars to provide important services to the native Hawaiian community; and
- (2) Adding a proviso to require that general funds for beneficiary advocacy be matched by at least an equal amount of OHA trust funds and be expended only for the direct support of beneficiaries. Your Committee intends that this proviso apply to all state general fund appropriations for beneficiary advocacy, including state general funds not subject to the provisos of sections 5 to 8 in the measure.

Your Committee also comments on OHA's practice of using the mass or social media to encourage people to contact the Legislature for lobbying purposes. Your Committee finds that OHA has the right to lobby or advocate for its funding or position on public policy issues. Your Committee, however, requests OHA to use its trust funds for any media campaign on legislative issues, and to focus public dollars towards beneficiary advocacy and service.

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 H.B. No. 209, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 209, H.D. 2, S.D. 2.

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

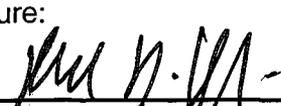


JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate
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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB209 HD2SD1	HWN, WAM	4/1/15		
<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	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
SLOM, Sam		✓		
TOTAL	10	1	0	0
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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