

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2297

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2018

RE: S.B. No. 3027
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 3027 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE KAHO'OLAWA ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission to restore, preserve, and determine the appropriate uses of Kaho'olawe Island and to fund one full-time equivalent permanent position for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission, Hawaiian Affairs Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu, Maui Nui Seabird Recovery Project, Na Ko'oko'o, South Maui Citizens for Responsible Growth, Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and forty-one individuals.

Your Committee finds that during the past fourteen years, the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission has developed innovative and effective restoration projects that serve as a foundation for the future restoration of the island. In 2016, the Commission submitted a detailed financial self-sufficiency and sustainability



plan to establish the necessary baseline level of funding needed to continue work on Kaho'olawe. As a result, Act 49, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, provided general funds and authorized fifteen positions for fiscal years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019. Although these funds allow the Commission to continue its mission in the short term, these funds are only sufficient to support staffing, Maui-based facilities, and Maui-based operations. This measure provides additional funding to support Kaho'olawe Island operations, safety, and infrastructure, as well as to restore the cultural resource project coordinator position, which is a critical position needed to manage, protect, and restore the archaeological and historical resources of Kaho'olawe.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the appropriation for one full-time equivalent permanent position is for a cultural resource project coordinator; and
- (2) 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 Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3027, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3027, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water and Land,




KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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SB 3027	WTL, WAM	2-2-18		
<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
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.				✓
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.				✓
TOTAL	3	—	—	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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