

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1039

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 1 - 2019

RE: S.B. No. 1451

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 1451 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE HOLIDAYS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to repeal President's Day as a state holiday and establish Lā Kū'oko'a, Hawaiian Recognition Day, as an official state holiday.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Prince Kūhiō Hawaiian Civic Club, Hawaiian Affairs Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, INPEACE, Bishop Museum, Papa Ola Lōkahi, Kamehameha Schools, and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of the Mayor of the County of Hawai'i and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the first official celebration of Hawaiian Recognition Day, Lā Kū'oko'a, was in 1847 to recognize and celebrate the anniversary of Hawai'i's welcome into the family of nations. Lā Kū'oko'a was celebrated for decades and was among the codified list of national holidays enacted by the Republic of Hawai'i in 1896. Your Committee further finds that establishing Lā



Kū'oko'a as an official holiday restores important connections to Hawai'i's rich cultural and political heritage and is a means to honor and learn from Hawai'i's socially progressive history.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Repealing Good Friday, instead of President's Day, as a state holiday; 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 Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1451, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1451, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,

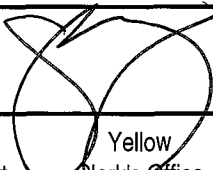


KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 1451	HWN, JDC	2/26/19		
<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)	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike				✓
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes