

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1022

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 19 2021

RE: H.B. No. 204
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred
H.B. No. 204 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 expenses of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs
(OHA).

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Hawaiian Affairs Caucus of
the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law
and Economic Justice, Kūpuna for the Mo'opuna, and eighteen
individuals.

Your Committee finds that OHA is a semi-autonomous state
agency, established by article XII, section 4, and article XI,
section 5, of the Hawaii State Constitution and chapter 10, Hawaii
Revised Statutes, that is responsible for improving the well-being
of native Hawaiians and Hawaiians. This measure appropriates
funds for OHA's operating budget in support of plans for the
upcoming biennium and is vital to fulfilling its mandates. Your
Committee further finds that for every dollar of state funds
provided, OHA matches these general funds with trust funds,
community funds, and additional OHA funds. Thus for every dollar



of state general funds expended, there is a total impact of \$2.84. OHA is considering opportunities to lessen the burden on community partners by reducing the cash-match requirement for grants during the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting a blank dollar amount for all appropriations of general funds and trust funds.

Your Committee notes that although the appropriations are blank, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs' testimony requests an appropriation of the following sums:

- (1) \$415,000 in general funds and \$415,000 in trust funds for fiscal year 2021-2022 and the same sums for fiscal year 2022-2023 for referral services and case management to at-risk Office of Hawaiian Affairs beneficiaries for financial assistance to improve stability during emergency situations;
- (2) \$615,000 in general funds and \$615,000 in trust funds for fiscal year 2021-2022 and the same sums for fiscal year 2022-2023 for educational improvement programs for native Hawaiian students; and
- (3) \$524,400 in general funds and \$524,400 in trust funds for fiscal year 2021-2022 and the same sums for fiscal year 2022-2023 to provide for legal services and legal representation.

Your Committee's intent in recommending this measure for passage is for the adjustments requested to be incorporated into the General Appropriations Act of 2022, or other appropriate legislative vehicle or to be adopted separately. As such, your Committee requests that your Committee on Ways and Means strongly consider incorporating the adjustments expressed by this measure into the appropriate legislative vehicle or amend this measure to include any provisions necessary to effectuate its purpose and intent.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B.



No. 204, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 204, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,



MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
HWN

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>HB 204</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HWN, WAM</i>	Date: <i>3/16/2021</i>		
<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
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (C)	X			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)	X			
ACASIO, Laura	X			
IHARA, Jr., Les	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	<i>5</i>			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Laura Acasio</i>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes