

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **1506**

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 611
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

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. 611, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DIGITIZATION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION RECORDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to assist the Department of Land and Natural Resources with historic preservation.

Specifically, this measure appropriates moneys to:

- (1) Implement a data management plan for the digitization of historic preservation records; and
- (2) Establish additional positions within the State Historic Preservation Division to support the data management plan.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Historic Hawaii Foundation, and Society for Hawaiian Archaeology.

Your Committee finds that the United States National Park Service identified management and performance problems within the State Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Although the State Historic Preservation

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Division has made great progress in resolving these problems, the Division does not have the moneys necessary to implement the data management plan, which includes digitization of over 3,600,000 pages of documents, as well as the creation of several databases, a geographic information system, and integration of all of these items into a single functioning system. Your Committee further finds that an appropriation to implement a data management plan and hire necessary staff will enable the Department to protect and manage the State's historic places, burial sites, and aviation artifacts.

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. 611, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



