

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

843

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 2015

RE: S.B. No. 194  
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 S.B. No. 194, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CULTURAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN HAWAII AND AFRICAN AMERICANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a Commission on African American History and Culture to further the understanding of African American history and culture in Hawaii.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from Guide Star Engineering, LLC, and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that African Americans have contributed considerably to Hawaii and its culture for at least one hundred seventy-five years. Despite this long history and the connection of many notable African Americans to Hawaii, African American history and culture in Hawaii is not well documented or appreciated. By establishing a commission to organize projects and events and educate residents and visitors about the African American experience in Hawaii, the State may help further the understanding of African American history and culture in Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Placing the commission in the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, rather than the Office of the Governor, for administrative purposes;

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- (2) Adding provisions that dissolve the commission and sunset the measure on June 30, 2017; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of consistency, clarity, and style.

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 S.B. No. 194, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 194, S.D. 2.

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



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JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SBI94 SD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HEA, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/25/15</b>		
<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	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">M. N. M.</div>				
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