

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI
POLICY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

December 2, 2016

Committee
Report No. _____

Honorable Chair and Members
of the County Council
County of Maui
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

Chair and Members:

Your Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, having met on November 14, 2016, makes reference to the following:

1. County Communication 15-158, from Presiding Officer Pro Tempore Michael P. Victorino, relating to the Maui County Legislative Package.
2. County Communication 16-248, from Councilmember Elle Cochran, transmitting a proposed resolution entitled "APPROVING FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2017 MAUI COUNTY LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE A STATE BILL TO RECOGNIZE NOVEMBER 28 AS LA KUOKOA, HAWAII'S INDEPENDENCE DAY."

The purpose of the proposed resolution is to approve for inclusion in the 2017 Maui County Legislative Package a proposed State bill entitled "RELATING TO LA KUOKOA." The purpose of the proposed State bill is to designate November 28 of each year as "La Ku`oko`a" to celebrate the historical recognition of independence for the Kingdom of Hawaii, but not construe the day as a State holiday.

Your Committee notes each year the Council may compile a package of proposals and priorities to be presented to the State Legislature.

Your Committee further notes it previously reported on the 2017 Maui County Legislative Package through Committee Reports 16-155 and 16-177. At its meetings of October 7, 2016, and November 4, 2016, the

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Council adopted Resolutions 16-128 through 16-136 and Resolution 16-150, respectively, cumulatively approving ten State bills for inclusion in the 2017 Maui County Legislative Package.

Your Committee notes recognition of Hawaii's independence day would support a renewed effort to remember the Hawaiian Kingdom was a fully recognized member in the world family of nations.

Your Committee voted 7-0 to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution. Committee Chair Victorino, Vice-Chair Couch, and members Baisa, Cochran, Crivello, Hokama, and White voted "aye." Committee members Carroll and Guzman were excused.

Your Committee is in receipt of a revised proposed resolution, entitled "APPROVING FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2017 MAUI COUNTY LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE A STATE BILL TO RECOGNIZE NOVEMBER 28 AS LA KU`OKO`A, HAWAII'S INDEPENDENCE DAY," incorporating nonsubstantive revisions.

Your Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee RECOMMENDS that Resolution _____, as revised herein and attached hereto, entitled "APPROVING FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2017 MAUI COUNTY LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE A STATE BILL TO RECOGNIZE NOVEMBER 28 AS LA KU`OKO`A, HAWAII'S INDEPENDENCE DAY," be ADOPTED.

This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of the Council.



MICHAEL P. VICTORINO, Chair

Resolution

No. _____

APPROVING FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2017
MAUI COUNTY LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE A
STATE BILL TO RECOGNIZE NOVEMBER 28 AS
LA KU`OKO`A, HAWAII'S INDEPENDENCE DAY

WHEREAS, on November 28, 1843, the Anglo-French Proclamation, recognizing the independence of the Hawaiian Kingdom, was signed at the Court of London by the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the King of France; and

WHEREAS, the Anglo-French Proclamation declared:

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and His Majesty the King of the French, taking into consideration the existence in the Sandwich Islands (Hawaiian Islands) of a government capable of providing for the regularity of its relations with foreign nations, have thought it right to engage, reciprocally, to consider the Sandwich Islands as an Independent State, and never to take possession, neither directly or under the title of Protectorate, or under any other form, of any part of the territory of which they are composed, and

WHEREAS, the delegation responsible for securing the recognition on behalf of the Hawaiian Kingdom included Timoteo Ha`alilio, William Richards, and Sir George Simpson; and

WHEREAS, recognition of Hawaii's independence day as "La Ku`oko`a" would support a renewed effort to remember that Hawaii was a fully recognized member in the world family of nations and provide an opportunity for reflection each year; and

WHEREAS, November 28 should be known and designated as "La Ku`oko`a" to celebrate the historical recognition of the independence of the Kingdom of Hawaii; now, therefore,

Resolution No. _____

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That the proposed State bill, attached as Exhibit "A," to recognize November 28 as "La Ku`oko`a," Hawaii's independence day, is approved for inclusion in the 2017 Maui County Legislative Package; and
2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, County of Maui; the Governor, State of Hawaii; the Senate President, State of Hawaii; and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, State of Hawaii.

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____.B. NO. _____

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LA KU`OKO`A.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
3 read as follows:

4 "§8- La Ku`oko`a. November 28 of each year shall be
5 known and designated as "La Ku`oko`a" to celebrate the historical
6 recognition of independence of the Kingdom of Hawaii, except that
7 this day is not, and shall not, be construed to be a state
8 holiday.

9 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored. In
10 codifying the new section, the revisor of statutes shall
11 substitute appropriate section numbers in this Act.

12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2018.

INTRODUCED BY: _____