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United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Sirs:

It is my privilege respectfully to submit the Final Report of the Native Hawaiians Study Commission to the Committees on Energy and Natural Resources and Interior and Insular Affairs.

This Final Report is presented in two volumes and, as mandated by Public Law 96-565, Title III (adopted December 22, 1980), reflects the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of a 21-month study of the culture, needs, and concerns of native Hawaiians by the Native Hawaiians Study Commission.

The Commission's Final Report, including conclusions and recommendations, is contained in Volume I. Three Commissioners dissented from portions of the Report and their conclusions and recommendations are contained in Volume II.

It is our sincere hope that these volumes will provide a well-considered and detailed basis for further review and consideration by your Committees.

A unanimous final report was desired and sought by all. While this did not prove possible, we believe the Native Hawaiians Study Commission has attempted to satisfy the requirements of Public Law 96-565 to "conduct a study of the culture, needs and concerns of Native Hawaiians," and to "make recommendations to the Congress based on its findings and conclusions." This final report offers a comprehensive and thoughtful range of possible responses by the Congress to issues and concerns that are complex and difficult.

On behalf of the entire Native Hawaiians Study Commission, I would like to express our appreciation for this opportunity to serve the United States Congress and the nation.

Sincerely,

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Preface

The Native Hawaiians Study Commission was created by the Congress of the United States on December 22, 1980 (Title III of Public Law 96-565; see Appendix). The purpose of the Commission is to "conduct a study of the culture, needs and concerns of the Native Hawaiians."

The Commission published and released to the public a Draft Report of Findings on September 23, 1982. An initial comment period of 60 days was set and the Commission solicited written comments on the Draft Report from native Hawaiian organizations, government agencies, and the general public. The comment period was extended an additional 60 days after native Hawaiian groups requested more time to prepare their comments. The comment period ended on January 24, 1983.

According to the law establishing the Commission:

Sec. 303(d). After taking into consideration any comments submitted to the Commission, the Commission shall issue a final report of the results of its study within nine months after the publication of its draft report. The Commission shall submit copies of the final report and copies of all written comments on the draft submitted to the Commission...to the President and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the House of Representatives.

Sec. 303(e). The Commission shall make recommendations to the Congress based on its findings and conclusions...

This volume comprises the Commission's Final Report. It was completed after review and consideration of all written comments received by the Commission, and includes findings, conclusions, and recommendations. The written comments received by the Commission appear in the Final Report in three different ways. First, as required by statute, all written comments received by the Commission are reproduced in full in the Appendix of this report. Second, some of the comments were used to revise the text of the main report and these comments are referenced in the text where they were used. Finally, there is a summary in the Appendix of all written comments that are not specifically referenced in the text of the report.

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