

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.C.R. No. 163
H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 163, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO ESTABLISH AN ANNUAL FESTIVAL CELEBRATING PACIFIC ISLAND CULTURE AND ARTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, in consultation with other agencies, to establish an annual festival in Hawaii that celebrates the culture and arts of the Pacific region.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; State Foundation on Culture and the Arts; and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that events like the Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture (FestPAC) promote trans-Pacific cooperation and help preserve the strong cultural heritages of Micronesia, Melanesia, and Polynesia. Your Committee further finds that providing annual dedicated opportunities and festivals, like FestPAC, to learn about and experience the varied cultures and traditions that make up the Pacific region allows for further understanding, cooperation, and appreciation. This measure encourages the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts to invest



in an annual festival in Hawaii to educate, experience, and celebrate the culture and arts of the Pacific region.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 163, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation and
Culture and the Arts,



CHRIS LEE, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
TCA

Bill / Resolution No.:* HCR 163 HD1	Committee Referral: TCA	Date: 4.10.2025		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo				✓
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes