

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1880

Honolulu, Hawaii

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, 2025

RE: H.C.R. No. 188
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 188 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DECLARING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND REQUESTING STATEWIDE COORDINATION TO IDENTIFY, PLAN FOR, AND CREATE CROSS-SECTOR SOLUTIONS TO STRENGTHEN HAWAII'S PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE TO THE CLIMATE CRISIS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to declare a public health emergency relating to climate change and requesting statewide coordination to identify, plan for, and create cross-sector solutions to strengthen Hawaii's public health response to climate crisis.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Life of the Land; Climate Protectors Hawaii; Health Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawai'i Public Health Association; Coalition Earth; 350Hawaii.org; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Hawaii Climate Change and Health Working Group; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that the effects of climate change, such as increased heat, crop failures, food and water insecurity, extreme weather events, vector-borne and waterborne diseases,

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seriously impact public health and constitute a public health emergency. Your Committee further finds that addressing the impacts of climate change on public health will require a multi-disciplinary approach and statewide coordination, commitment, and mobilization of resources between departments. This measure acknowledges the severity of the impacts climate change has on the health of Hawaii's people and calls on the various state departments to identify, plan for, and create cross-sector solutions to strengthen the State's public health response to the climate crisis.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 188, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 188, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



GREG TAKAYAMA, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: HCR 188	Committee Referral: EER, HLT	Date: 4.2.25		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAYAMA, Gregg (C)	/			
2. KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, Sue L. (VC)	/			
3. AMATO, Terez	/			
4. CHUN, Cory M.	/			
5. MARTEN, Lisa	/			
6. OLDS, Ikaika	/			
7. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna	/			
8. ALCOS III, David			-	
9. GARCIA, Diamond			✓	
TOTAL (9)	7	0	2	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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