

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1702

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 28 , 2025

RE: H.C.R. No. 40

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

Madame:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.C.R.  
No. 40 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND  
AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND OTHER STATE AGENCIES TO WORK WITH  
COMMITTED COMMUNITY GROUPS TO CO-STEWARD COMMUNITY FORESTS  
LOCATED ON PUBLIC LANDS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE STATE'S  
FORESTS AND COMMUNITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Land  
and Natural Resources and other state agencies to work with  
committed community groups to co-steward community forests located  
on public lands for the betterment of the State's forests and  
communities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Environmental  
Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawai'i Food+ Policy;  
Hawaii Climate Change and Health Working Group; Kua'āina Ulu  
'Auamo; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that trees and forests provide extensive  
environmental, cultural, and economic benefits. Your Committee  
further finds that active community collaboration and involvement  
play an important role in the effective management of the State's  
forests. Establishing a co-stewardship between the State and

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local communities for the management of community forests will greatly improve and benefit the State's communities and forests and aligns with the State's mission to responsibly manage and protect Hawaii's natural and cultural resources.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 40 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Water & Land,

  
MARK J. HASHEM, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HCR 40</b>	Committee Referral: <b>WAL</b>	Date: <b>3/25/2025</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)				
<b>WAL Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
1. HASHEM, Mark J. (C)	✓			
2. LAMOSAO, Rachele F. (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
5. IWAMOTO, Kim Coco	✓			
6. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
7. POEPOE, Mahina	✓			
8. WOODSON, Justin H.				✓
9. SHIMIZU, Garner M.	✓			
10. SOUZA, Kanani	✓			
<b>TOTAL (10)</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted          If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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