STAND. COM. REP. NO. **[615**]

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 27 , 2025

RE: H.R. No. 134 H.D. 1

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

Madame:

Your Committees on Economic Development & Technology and Culture & Arts, to which was referred H.R. No. 134 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAII SISTER-STATE COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE INITIATION OF A SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HAWAII AND NEW ZEALAND TO FOSTER STRONGER TIES IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ARTS AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE, EDUCATION, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Hawaii Sister-State Committee to evaluate and develop recommendations for the initiation of a sister-state relationship between Hawaii and New Zealand to foster stronger ties in economic development, arts and cultural exchange, education, and environmental sustainability.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Your Committees find that establishing a formal relationship between Hawaii and New Zealand could help foster ties in economic development, culture, education, and environmental sustainability. However, your Committees recognize that sister-state relationships are typically initiated with provinces and prefectures, not

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countries, and that initiating a different kind of relationship between Hawaii and New Zealand would be more appropriate.

Accordingly, your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Urging the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to evaluate and develop recommendations for a memorandum of understanding between Hawaii and New Zealand instead of urging the Hawaii Sister-State Committee to evaluate a sister-state relationship;
- (2) Adding the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and removing the Chair of the Hawaii Sister-State Committee from the list of recipients of certified copies of this measure; and
- (3) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Economic Development & Technology and Culture & Arts that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 134, as amended herein, and recommend that it be referred to your Committee on Finance, in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 134, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Economic Development & Technology and Culture & Arts,

JE NNE KAPETA, Chair

GREGOR ILAGAN, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Economic Development & Technology

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| ☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure. | | | | | | | |
| The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) A Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold | | | | | | | |
| Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) | | | | | | | |
| ECD Members | Ayes | Ayes (WR) | Nays | Excused | | | |
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| 4. TAM, Adrian K. | | | | | | | |
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| 7. MATSUMOTO, Lauren | X | | | | | | |
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| The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s) | | | | | | | |
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| CAA Members | Ayes | Ayes (WR) | Nays | Excused | | |
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| 4. LEE, Mike | | | | | | |
| 5. SAYAMA, Jackson D. | | | | | | |
| 5. SATAWA, Jackson D. | 1986 1986 Page 1 | | | | | |
| 6. REYES ODA, Julie | <u> </u> | | | 124 127 121-9 | | |
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| The recommendation is: Ado If joint r | - | did not suppor | t recommendation. | | | |
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