

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1557

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 25, 2025

RE: H.R. No. 135

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 Culture & Arts, to which was referred H.R.
No. 135 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING
GROUP TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A HAWAII CULTURAL
TRUST TO PRESERVE AND PROMOTE HAWAII'S CULTURAL RESOURCES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the establishment
of a working group to study the feasibility of creating a Hawaii
Cultural Trust to preserve and promote Hawaii's cultural
resources.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts; Hawai'i State
LGBTQ+ Commission; and Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of
Hawai'i. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the
Hawai'i Tourism Authority.

Your Committee finds that sustained investment in cultural
preservation, heritage, and the arts supports economic growth,
education, tourism, and the overall well-being of the people of
Hawaii. Your Committee also finds that various states have
successful cultural trusts that could be used as models for
sustainable funding of cultural organizations by leveraging
donations and tax incentives to support arts and heritage

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programs. Your Committee believes that establishing a Hawaii Cultural Trust will enhance financial sustainability for cultural institutions and the arts and provide long-term support for the preservation and promotion of Hawaii's cultural resources.

Your Committee recognizes the cultural impact of Hawai'i's māhū, LGBTQIA+, QTPI+, and MVPFAFF+ communities on the State and therefore finds it appropriate to include these communities in this critical discussion, as it presents an opportunity for their contributions to the cultural, spiritual, and social fabric of Hawai'i to be preserved as well.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Including a representative from the Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission to participate in the working group; and
- (2) 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 Culture & Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 135, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 135, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Culture & Arts,



JEANNE KAPEKA, Chair



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<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)				
CAA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. KAPELA, Jeanne (C)	/			
2. KONG, Sam Satoru (VC)	/			
3. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya	/			
4. LEE, Mike	/			
5. SAYAMA, Jackson D.	/			
6. REYES ODA, Julie				/
TOTAL (6)	5			1
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: <u>Samuel S Kang</u>				
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