STAND. COM. REP. NO.

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2025 FEB 28

H.B. No. 957 RE: 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 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 957, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAULAU DAY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to designate the first Friday in May of each year as Laulau Day.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that laulau is a treasured Hawaiian dish that represents cultural heritage, community, and tradition. Its preparation and sharing are central to gatherings, celebrations, and fundraisers, highlighting its deep-rooted significance. designating the first Friday in May as "Laulau Day", this measure helps preserve laulau as a meaningful part of Hawaii's culinary and cultural identity.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 957, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs,

DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 957 HD1	Committee Referral:		Date: 0212112025	
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)	I			
2. POEPOE, Mahina (VC)				
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3. BELATTI, Della Au	V			
4. COCHRAN, Elle				V
5. HASHEM, Mark J.				
6. KAHALOA, Kirstin				
7. PERRUSO, Amy A.				
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8. TAKAYAMA, Gregg				
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9. TODD, Chris				V
10. GARCIA, Diamond				
11. SHIMIZU, Garner M.				
TOTAL (11)	8	0	1	2
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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