

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1680

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 28, 2025

RE: H.R. No. 95
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 Human Services & Homelessness, to which was referred H.R. No. 95 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE LGBTQ+ COMMISSION AND THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN TO REVIEW THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GENDER-NEUTRAL LANGUAGE TERMINOLOGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the State LGBTQ+ Commission and Commission on the Status of Women to collaborate and conduct a comprehensive review of the Hawaii Revised Statutes and recommend amendments to incorporate gender-neutral terminology.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission and Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women.

Your Committee finds that many existing statutes within state law contain binary, gendered language that does not fully reflect the diverse identities of the State's residents. This measure seeks to address this issue by requesting the Hawaii State LGBTQ+ Commission and Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women to review state laws and recommend updates to incorporate gender-

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neutral language, ensuring that Hawaii's legal framework reflects the values of respect and aloha for all residents.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its title to make technical amendments;
- (2) Extending the submission deadline for the report by the Hawaii State LGBTQ+ Commission and Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women to the Legislature to December 31, 2026; and
- (3) 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 Human Services & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 95, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 95, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services &
Homelessness,



LISA MARTEN, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">HR 95</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">HSH, JHA</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">3/20/25</div>		
<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)				
HSH Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. MARTEN, Lisa (C)	✓			
2. OLDS, Ikaika (VC)	✓			
3. AMATO, Terez	✓			
4. CHUN, Cory M.	✓			
5. KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, Sue L.	✓			
6. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
7. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna				✓
8. ALCOS III, David			✓	
9. GARCIA, Diamond			✓	
TOTAL (9)	6		2	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: Lisa Marten				
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