

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1547

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 25 , 2025

RE: H.R. No. 156

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. 156 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, THE  
COUNTY OF MAUI, THE COUNTY OF HAWAII, AND THE COUNTY OF KAUAI  
TO ESTABLISH SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER PACIFIC  
ISLAND MUNICIPALITIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge all of the counties to  
establish new Sister City relationships with other Pacific Island  
municipalities.

Your Committee did not receive any written testimony on this  
measure.

Your Committee finds that the success of the 13th Festival of  
Pacific Arts and Culture (FestPAC), hosted for the first time by  
Hawaii in its fifty-two-year history in June 2024, demonstrates  
the value and importance of fostering relationships between Hawaii  
and its Pacific Island neighbors. Your Committee also finds that  
Sister City programs encourage exchanges in arts and culture,  
youth and education, business and trade, and community  
development. Your Committee believes that expanding Sister City  
relationships between Hawaii and additional Pacific Island  
communities would strengthen regional ties and further cultivate a  
shared appreciation of one another's people, history, and culture.

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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. 156 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Economic Development & Technology.

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

  
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JEANNE KAPELA, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HR 156</b>		Committee Referral: <b>CAA, ECP</b>		Date: <b>3/19/25</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)				
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 Kong</u>				
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