

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1599

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 27 , 2025

RE: H.R. No. 182

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

Madame:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which  
was referred H.R. No. 182 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION DECLARING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY  
RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND REQUESTING STATEWIDE  
COORDINATION TO IDENTIFY, PLAN FOR, AND CREATE CROSS-SECTOR  
SOLUTIONS TO STRENGTHEN HAWAII'S PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE TO  
THE CLIMATE CRISIS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to declare a public health  
emergency relating to climate change and request statewide  
coordination to identify, plan for, and create cross-sector  
solutions to strengthen Hawaii's public health response to the  
climate crisis.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Health; Office of Planning and Sustainable  
Development; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Climate Change and  
Health Working Group; Greenpeace Hawaii; Environmental Caucus of  
the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Coalition Earth; 350Hawaii.org;  
and six individuals.

Your Committee finds that the climate crisis is one of the  
greatest threats to human health worldwide. Your Committee  
further finds that climate change has led to an increase in heat-  
related illnesses, respiratory health issues associated with the

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increase in wildfires, and other serious health and mental health related issues. This measure acknowledges the severity of the impact of the climate crisis on public health and initiates a collaborative statewide approach to support the public health response to climate change.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 182 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Health.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Energy &  
Environmental Protection,



NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



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<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">HR182</div>	<b>Committee Referral:</b> <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">EEP, HLT</div>	<b>Date:</b> <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.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <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)				
<b>EEP Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
1. LOWEN, Nicole E. (C)	✓			
2. PERRUSO, Amy A. (VC)	✓			
3. KAHALOA, Kirstin	✓			
4. KUSCH, Matthias	✓			
5. QUINLAN, Sean				✓
6. WARD, Gene				✓
<b>TOTAL (6)</b>	4			2
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <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>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> _____ <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: -10px;"> </div>				
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