

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1618

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 195

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 195 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING A BROADER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE AND THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to support and encourage a broader relationship between the State and Kingdom of Sweden.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Consulate of Sweden and one individual.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the State and the Kingdom of Sweden share common challenges as geographically distinct regions with unique environmental, economic, and social concerns. Your Committee further finds that the State could draw lessons from the advancements Sweden has made in energy efficiency, smart grid technology, sustainable urban planning, and its robust public transportation system that integrates rail, bus, and cycling infrastructure. Your Committee also finds that fostering a broader relationship between the State and Sweden would strengthen diplomatic ties, encourage economic partnerships, and facilitate



knowledge exchange in key areas. This measure encourages a stronger relationship between the State and the Kingdom of Sweden to create more resilient, sustainable, and prosperous societies for both states.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 195 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation and
Culture and the Arts,



CHRIS LEE, Chair



