

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1548

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 25 , 2025

RE: H.C.R. No. 161

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.C.R. No. 161 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT 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.C.R. No. 161 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,



JEANNE KAPELA Chair



