

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1560

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 25**, 2025

RE: H.C.R. No. 163  
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 Culture & Arts, to which was referred  
H.C.R. No. 163 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE FOUNDATION ON  
CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO ESTABLISH AN ANNUAL FESTIVAL  
CELEBRATING PACIFIC ISLAND CULTURE AND ARTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the State Foundation  
on Culture and the Arts, in consultation with other agencies, to  
establish an annual festival in Hawaii that celebrates the culture  
and arts of the Pacific region.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and one  
individual.

Your Committee finds that the 13th Festival of Pacific Arts  
and Culture (FestPAC), hosted by Hawaii for the first time in its  
fifty-two-year history in June 2024, attracted more than five  
hundred thousand visitors and over two thousand two hundred  
delegates from more than twenty-five island nations. Your  
Committee believes that events like FestPAC promote trans-Pacific  
cooperation and help preserve the strong cultural heritages of  
Micronesia, Melanesia, and Polynesia and providing annual  
dedicated opportunities to learn about and experience the varied

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cultures and traditions that make up the Pacific region will foster the bonds among these peoples and allow for further understanding, cooperation, and appreciation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by 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 Culture & Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 163, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 163, H.D. 1.

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

  
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JEANNE KAPPLER, Chair



