

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 25, 2025

RE: H.R. No. 135

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.R. No. 135 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A HAWAII CULTURAL TRUST TO PRESERVE AND PROMOTE HAWAII'S CULTURAL RESOURCES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the establishment of a working group to study the feasibility of creating a Hawaii Cultural Trust to preserve and promote Hawaii's cultural resources.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts; Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission; and Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority.

Your Committee finds that sustained investment in cultural preservation, heritage, and the arts supports economic growth, education, tourism, and the overall well-being of the people of Hawaii. Your Committee also finds that various states have successful cultural trusts that could be used as models for sustainable funding of cultural organizations by leveraging donations and tax incentives to support arts and heritage

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programs. Your Committee believes that establishing a Hawaii Cultural Trust will enhance financial sustainability for cultural institutions and the arts and provide long-term support for the preservation and promotion of Hawaii's cultural resources.

Your Committee recognizes the cultural impact of Hawai'i's māhū, LGBTQIA+, QTPI+, and MVPFAFF+ communities on the State and therefore finds it appropriate to include these communities in this critical discussion, as it presents an opportunity for their contributions to the cultural, spiritual, and social fabric of Hawai'i to be preserved as well.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Including a representative from the Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission to participate in the working group; and
- (2) 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.R. No. 135, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 135, H.D. 1.

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



JEANNE KAPELA, Chair



