

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1957

Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2025

APR 04

RE: S.B. No. 1578
S.D. 2
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 Finance, to which was referred S.B. No. 1578, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Officially designate the East-West Center as the Center for Cultural and Technical Interchange between East and West, Inc., and exempt state fund appropriations to the East-West Center from chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (2) Rename the Hawaii Sister-State Committee as the Hawaii Sister-State and International Partnerships Commission and amend its functions and membership;
- (3) Require the Office of International Affairs to provide support to the Hawaii Sister-State and International Partnerships Commission;
- (4) Expand the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism's authority to establish out-of-state offices to include out-of-state facilities to support



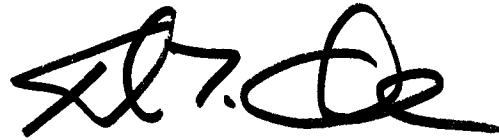
sister-state or province relationships and other partnerships, generate revenue for the State, and buy property; and

- (5) Appropriate funds to the Office of International Affairs to develop an updated strategy for the State's international engagement and to the East-West Center to help develop and maintain the State's international relationships, programs, and partnerships.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; East-West Center; and East-West Center Employees Association, AFSCME Local 928, AFL-CIO. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1578, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: SB 1578, SDZ, HDI	Committee Referral: ECD, FIN	Date: 4/1/25		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <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)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (C)	/			
2. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna (VC)	/			
3. GRANDINETTI, Tina Nakada	/			
4. HOLT, Daniel	/			
5. HUSSEY, Ikaika	/			
6. KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, Sue L.	/			
7. KITAGAWA, Lisa	/			
8. KUSCH, Matthias	/			
9. LAMOSAO, Rachele F.	/			
10. LEE, Mike	/			
11. MIYAKE, Tyson K.	/			
12. MORIKAWA, Dee	/			
13. TEMPLO, Shirley Ann	/			
14. ALCOS III, David				/
15. REYES ODA, Julie	/			
TOTAL	15	14	0	0
The recommendation is:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)			
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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