

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1564

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 75  
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred  
S.R. No. 75 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
TO ESTABLISH AND PROVIDE LEGISLATIVE ENGAGEMENT FORUMS TO  
EDUCATE AND EMPOWER THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY REGARDING  
THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the  
Office of Hawaiian Affairs to establish and provide legislative  
engagement forums to educate and empower the Native Hawaiian  
community regarding the legislative process.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the  
Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Your Committee finds that indigenous engagement in the local  
legislative process is extremely important to advancing the self-  
determination of the Native Hawaiian community. Accordingly, this  
measure requests the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to establish and  
provide educational legislative engagement forums specifically  
tailored to the Native Hawaiian community to enhance equitable  
participation in the lawmaking process in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by adding language  
requesting the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to provide an annual



report to the Legislature concerning its activities, as it pertains to educational and communal engagement opportunities regarding legislative processes.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 75, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 75, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

  
HERBERT M. RICHARDS, III, Chair



