

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 04 , 2026

RE: H.B. No. 1605  
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, to which was referred H.B. No. 1605 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN AND COMMUNITY  
RESILIENCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resilience for:

- (1) The development of a Human and Community Resilience Institute; and
- (2) Staff positions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; Jordan Smith Consulting; and five individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resilience.

Your Committee finds that the appropriation of funds to the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resilience for the development of its Human and Community



Resilience Institute will integrate existing expertise and resources within the College to better coordinate agriculture, nutrition, youth development, and community resilience efforts.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1605, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1605, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Higher Education.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Agriculture & Food  
Systems,



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CORY CHUN, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: HB1605		Committee Referral: AGR, HED, FIN		Date: 1/30/2026	
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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)					
AGR Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. CHUN, Cory M. (C)		✓			
2. KUSCH, Matthias (VC)		✓			
3. KAHALOA, Kirstin		✓			
4. LOWEN, Nicole E.		✓			
5. PERRUSO, Amy A.		✓			
6. QUINLAN, Sean		✓			
7. MATSUMOTO, Lauren		✓			
TOTAL (7)		7			
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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