

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 11 , 2026

RE: H.B. No. 2291  
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 Public Safety, to which was referred H.B. No. 2291 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD,"  
begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Rename the "Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Program" to the "Hawaii National Guard Civil-Military Program" and codify its Hawaiian name, "Nā Kula Alaka'i"; and
- (2) Clarify that employees of the Hawaii National Guard youth and adult educational programs are excluded from collective bargaining.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Defense and Civil-Military Programs of the Hawai'i National Guard.

Your Committee finds that this measure reflects the continued evolution of the Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Programs. More specifically, it renames the Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Program to the Hawaii National Guard Civil-Military



Program to ensure federal alignment with the United States Department of Defense.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the Chief of the National Guard Manual and Department of Defense Instruction apply to the State, which has entered into a cooperative agreement with the National Guard Bureau for the purpose of establishing and operating a National Guard Youth Challenge Program;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) 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 Public Safety that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2291, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2291, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Labor.

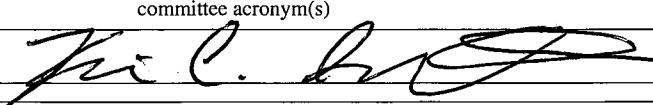
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Public Safety,



DELLA AU BELATTI, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Public Safety

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB2291	PBS, LAB, FIN	2/6/2026		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <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)				
PBS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. BELATTI, Della Au (C)	✓			
2. IWAMOTO, Kim Coco (VC)	✓			
3. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda	✓			
5. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
6. POEPOE, Mahina	✓			
7. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
8. SHIMIZU, Garner M.	✓			
9. SOUZA, Kanani	✓			
TOTAL (9)	9			
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <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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