

Honolulu, Hawaii
FEB 12 , 2026

RE: H.B. No. 2473
H.D. 1

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

Madame:

Your Committees on Economic Development & Technology and Labor, to which was referred H.B. No. 2473 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE RECOGNITION OF A HAWAIIAN SENSE OF PLACE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Hawaiian Sense of Place Recognition Act;
- (2) Require the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to develop educational and outreach programs to promote understanding and appreciation of the Hawaiian sense of place among residents, visitors, and public employees; and
- (3) Require state agencies to incorporate Hawaiian sense of place principles into land planning, management, and state construction projects.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from Hawaiian Council and two individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.



Your Committees find that maintaining the cultural, spiritual, environmental, and social relationships Native Hawaiians and Hawaii residents have with the land, or "Hawaiian sense of place", is vital to ensuring that Hawaii stays connected to its unique history and culture. This measure promotes understanding and appreciation of Hawaiian sense of place through education and outreach programs and planning, management, and development requirements for state agencies.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

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

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Economic Development & Technology and Labor that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2473, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2473, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Economic
Development & Technology and
Labor,



JACKSON D. SAYAMA, Chair



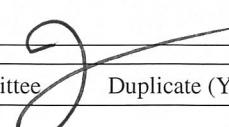
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Record of Votes of the Committee on Economic Development & Technology

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<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)				
ECD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ILAGAN, Gregg (C)	/			
2. HUSSEY, Ikaika (VC)	/			
3. HOLT, Daniel				/
4. TAM, Adrian K.	/			
5. TEMPLO, Shirley Ann	/			
6. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
7. GEDEON, Joe	/			
TOTAL (7)	6	—	—	/
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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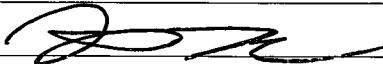
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LAB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SAYAMA, Jackson D. (C)	X			
2. LEE, Mike (VC)	X			
3. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya	X			
4. KAPELA, Jeanne	X			
5. KONG, Sam Satoru	X			
6. REYES ODA, Julie				X
TOTAL (6)	5	—	—	1

The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted

If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
 committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 

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