STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1894-26

Honolulu, Hawaii
APR 09, 2026

RE: H.C.R. No. 54
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 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 54 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I BOARD OF REGENTS TO CONSIDER RENAMING LEEWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO PU'ULOA COMMUNITY COLLEGE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents to consider renaming Leeward Community College to Pu'uloa Community College.

Your committee has received testimony in opposition from one individual.

Your committee finds that renaming Leeward Community College may better reflect the campus's location within the culturally and historically significant region of Pu'uloa in 'Ewa, O'ahu, known for its traditional fishponds, mo'olelo, and values of longevity, abundance, and resilience. It asserts that a strengthened campus identity can enhance student pride, recruitment, alumni engagement, and community connection, and notes the college's aspiration to be a leading indigenous-serving institution grounded in a Hawaiian sense of place.

Your committee has amended this measure by:

1. Replacing language on Page 1, Lines 9-13 with: "WHEREAS, Pu'uloa holds deep cultural and historical significance within the moku of 'Ewa on the island of O'ahu and is historically known for its abundance of traditional loko i'a, which sustained thriving communities through established systems of food production and resource management; and"

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 54, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 54, H.D. 1.

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

Hawaiian Affairs,

DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair

State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:
HCR54	HED, JHA	4/7/2026

☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to: ☐ Pass, unamended (as is) ☒ Pass, with amendments (HD) ☐ Hold
☐ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)	✓			
2. POEPOE, Mahina (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			Add DT
5. KAHALOA, Kirstin	✓			
6. SAYAMA, Jackson D.				✓
7. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
8. COCHRAN, Elle				✓
9. GARCIA, Diamond		✓		
10. SHIMIZU, Garner M.		✓		
TOTAL (10)	6	2	Ø	2

The recommendation is: ☒ Adopted ☐ Not Adopted
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: David Tarnas

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