STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1966 -26

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 31, 2026

RE: H.C.R. No. 54

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

Madame:

Your Committee on Higher Education, 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 Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii to consider renaming Leeward Community College to Pu'uloa Community College.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that Leeward Community College is situated within the historic and cultural region of Pu'uloa, which has the highest concentration of traditional loko i'a, which sustained communities through food production, irrigation, and stewardship of natural resources. Your Committee further finds that Leeward Community College aspires to be a leading indigenous-serving community college dedicated to inclusion, innovation, and a strong Hawaiian sense of place so renaming it Pu'uloa Community College will help solidify its commitment to this goal.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report,

your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 54 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Higher Education,
Committee on Higher Education,

ANDREW TAKUYA GARRETT, Chair

State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:
HCR 54	HED, JHA	3-25-26

☐ 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)

HED Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya (C)	✓			
2. AMATO, Terez (VC)	✓			
3. EVSLIN, Luke A.				✓
4. KAPELA, Jeanne	✓			
5. KILA, Darius K.	✓			
6. LA CHICA, Trish	✓			
7. OLDS, Ikaika	✓			
8. WOODSON, Justin H.				✓
9. MURAOKA, Christopher L.				✓
10. SOUZA, Kanani	✓			
TOTAL (10)	7			3

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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