STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2241 -26

Honolulu, Hawaii
APR 21 , 2026

RE: S.C.R. No. 169
S.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 Economic Development & Technology, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 169, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND THE PREFECTURE OF YAMAGATA, JAPAN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a sister-state relationship between the State of Hawaii, United States of America, and the Prefecture of Yamagata, Japan.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and Chamber of Commerce Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the State and Yamagata Prefecture, Japan, share long-standing historical, cultural, and people-to-people ties rooted in Japanese immigration and ongoing cultural exchange. Your Committee further finds that a formal sister-state relationship between the State and Yamagata Prefecture will strengthen institutional collaboration, economic opportunity, and cultural exchange for the benefit of residents, businesses, students, and communities in both jurisdictions. This measure seeks to deepen the partnership between the State and Yamagata Prefecture by establishing a sister-state relationship.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 169, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development & Technology,
Development & Technology,

GREGGOR ILAGAN, Chair

State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Economic Development & Technology

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:
SCR 169, SD1	ECD	April 17, 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)

ECD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ILAGAN, Greggor (C)	✓			
2. HUSSEY, Ikaika (VC)	✓			
3. RATCLIFFE, M. Cov	✓			
4. TAM, Adrian K.				✓
5. TEMPLO, Shirley Ann	✓			
6. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
7. GEDEON, Joe				✓
TOTAL (7)	5	0	0	2

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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