

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2206-26

Honolulu, Hawaii
APR 20, 2026

RE: S.C.R. No. 94

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

Madame:

Your Committee on Culture & Arts, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 94 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENDORSING WAIKIKI AS A WORLD
SURFING RESERVE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to endorse Waikiki as a World
Surfing Reserve.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the College of Social Sciences and Sea Grant College Program
of the University of Hawai'i and Waikiki Beach Special Improvement
District Association.

Your Committee finds that Waikiki's iconic surf breaks are
not only the birthplace of modern surfing but also a vital
cultural and economic engine for the State. However, the long-
term health of this unique marine ecosystem is increasingly
threatened by the impacts of climate change and land-based
pollution. By endorsing the designation of Waikiki as a World
Surfing Reserve, this measure formally recognizes its global
significance and enhances the protection of critical natural
resources.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your
Committee on Culture & Arts that is attached to this report, your

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Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 94 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Water & Land.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Culture & Arts,



JEANNE KAPHIA, Chair



