

Honolulu, Hawaii  
FEB 18 , 2026

RE: H.B. No. 1605  
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 Higher Education, to which was referred  
H.B. No. 1605, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN AND COMMUNITY  
RESILIENCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the  
University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and  
Human Resilience for the development of its Human and Community  
Resilience Institute.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Hawai'i Farm Bureau; The Outdoor Circle; Hawaiian Earth  
Recycling; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; and  
seven individuals. Your Committee received comments on this  
measure from the University of Hawai'i System.

Your Committee finds that while food security and healthy  
diets are essential for positive youth development, over 30  
percent of Hawaii households remain food insecure. Your Committee  
further finds that the establishment of the Human and Community  
Resilience Institute has the potential to increase positive youth  
development and health outcomes, family well-being, and community  
resilience.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No.. 1605, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



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ANDREW TAKUYA GARRETT, Chair



**Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HB 1605 HD1	<b>Committee Referral:</b> AGR, HED, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 2-13-2026		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)				
<b>HED Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
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	✓			
<b>TOTAL (10)</b>	9			1
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> <i>Jg</i>				
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