

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1129-26

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 06 , 2026

RE: H.B. No. 1877
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.B. No. 1877, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, PLUS COMMISSION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to expand the membership of the Hawaii State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Plus Commission from eight voting members to eleven by adding one seat for a person under the age of twenty-nine and one seat each for the appointees of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and Senate President, respectively.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission; Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Plus Commission; Pride at Work - Hawai'i; HOKU PAC; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawai'i Women Lawyers; and seven individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from seven individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Plus Commission serves an important advisory role in identifying and addressing issues affecting the civil rights, wellbeing, and equal treatment of LGBTQ+ individuals

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in the State. Your Committee further finds that expanding the Commission's membership to include additional perspectives, including representation from younger individuals and appointees of the Legislature, will enhance the Commission's capacity to reflect the diversity of lived experiences within the community and improve the quality and depth of its policy recommendations.

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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1877, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1877 HDI	Committee Referral: HCH, JHA	Date: 3/4/2026		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <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)				
JHA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)	✓			
2. POEPOE, Mahina (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				✓
4. COCHRAN, Elle				✓
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
6. KAHALOA, Kirstin	✓			
7. SAYAMA, Jackson D.	✓			
8. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
9. GARCIA, Diamond			✓	
10. SHIMIZU, Garner M.	✓			
TOTAL (10)	7	0	1	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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