

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 , 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 Human Services & Homelessness, to which was referred H.B. No. 1877 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:

- (1) Expand the membership of the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Plus Commission from eight voting members to eleven;
- (2) Reserve one seat for a person under the age of twenty-nine; and
- (3) Reserve 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 State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Plus Commission; Pride at Work - Hawai'i; and HOKU PAC. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.



Your Committee finds that the Hawaii State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Plus Commission is regularly called upon to provide policy recommendations, review legislation, and respond to emerging federal attacks impacting the community. Expanding the Commission's membership would ensure that this important work is sustainable, thoughtful, and reflective of the diversity of Hawaii's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer plus communities.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1877, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1877, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services &
Homelessness,



LISA MARTEN, Chair



