Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2597
       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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No.
2597, H.D. 1, entitled:

    "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

    The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate
funds for the Chief Data Officer to:

    (1)   Enhance the State's open data portal website through the
           phased development and publishing of an artificial
           intelligence chatbot as a virtual assistant on statewide
           shared data sets; and

    (2)   Develop a system to evaluate and select artificial
           intelligence governance tools for use by state
           departments and agencies and establish a reporting and
           publication mechanism related to artificial intelligence
           use cases and vendors used by the departments and
           agencies.

    Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Transportation; Department of Business,
Economic Development, and Tourism; Office of Information
Practices; and Enterprise Technology Services.

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    As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2597, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Finance,

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CHRIS TODD, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB2597, HD1	Committee Referral: ECD, FIN	Date: 3/12/26

☐ 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)

FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TODD, Chris (C)	✓			
2. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna (VC)	✓			
3. HARTSFIELD, Daisy	✓			
5. HUSSEY, Ikaika	✓			
6. KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, Sue L.	✓			
7. KITAGAWA, Lisa	✓			
8. KUSCH, Matthias	✓			
9. LEE, Mike	✓			
10. MIYAKE, Tyson K.	✓			
11. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
12. PERRUSO, Amy A.	✓			
13. TEMPLO, Shirley Ann	✓			
14. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	✓			
15. ALCOS III, David	✓			
16. GEDEON, Joe	✓			
17. REYES ODA, Julie	✓			
TOTAL 16	14	0	0	0

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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