

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 31, 2026

RE: H.C.R. No. 101
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 Culture & Arts, to which was referred
H.C.R. No. 101 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NOMINATING JOHN D. WAIHE'E III
FOR INDUCTION INTO THE ALOHA ORDER OF MERIT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to nominate John D. Waihe'e III
for induction into the Aloha Order of Merit.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from one individual.

Your Committee finds that John D. Waihe'e III has rendered
distinguished and historic service to Hawaii, including becoming
the first Native Hawaiian elected governor of any state in the
United States and elevating Hawaii's role on the national and
international stage. His leadership advanced significant
initiatives in education, health care, economic development, and
Native Hawaiian rights, while his contributions to the 1978
Constitutional Convention helped shape modern governance in the
State. Additionally, John D. Waihe'e III has demonstrated lifelong
dedication to public service through continued civic engagement
and leadership beyond his tenure in office. Your Committee
therefore finds that he has achieved national and international



recognition and has brought great honor to the State, meeting the qualifications for induction into the Aloha Order of Merit.

Your Committee has amended this measure by 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 Culture & Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 101, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 101, H.D. 1.

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



JEANNE KAPELA Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Culture & Arts

Bill/Resolution No.: HER 101 / HR 93 4.	Committee Referral: CAA	Date: 3/25/2026
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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)

CAA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. KAPELA, Jeanne (C)	✓			
2. KONG, Sam Satoru (VC)	✓			
3. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya	✓			
4. LEE, Mike				✓
5. SAYAMA, Jackson D.	✓			
6. REYES ODA, Julie	✓			
TOTAL (6)	5			1

The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted
 If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: *James O'Keefe*

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