

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 31 , 2026

RE: H.C.R. No. 106

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. 106 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENDORSING WAIKIKI AS A WORLD
SURFING RESERVE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to endorse Waikiki as a World
Surfing Reserve.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program;
University of Hawai'i Climate Resilience Collaborative; Waikiki
Beach Special Improvement District Association; and one
individual.

Your Committee finds that Waikiki holds profound cultural,
historical, and environmental significance as a center of Native
Hawaiian surfing traditions and as a globally recognized
destination for wave riding. Waikiki's surf ecosystem supports
the State's cultural heritage and its economy, yet faces
increasing threats from climate change and environmental
degradation. By endorsing Waikiki as a World Surfing Reserve,
this measure would elevate awareness, strengthen conservation
efforts, and support ongoing community-led initiatives to protect
this unique coastal resource.



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. 106 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Water & Land.

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



JEANNE KAPEHA, Chair



