

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 01 , 2026

RE: H.C.R. No. 157

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2026  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 157 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TO CONVENE A DEMOLITION WASTE REDUCTION WORKING GROUP,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to convene a Demolition Waste Reduction Working Group.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Solid Waste Reduction Task Force of Hawaii Environmental Change Agents; Energy Justice Network; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that construction and demolition waste constitute a significant amount of landfill mass nationwide and represent one of the largest contributors to solid waste in Hawaii. Your Committee further finds that local recycling nonprofits and community-based organizations in the State have made significant progress in advocating for deconstruction, reuse, and circular economy principles but have been unable to turn these efforts into broader policy change. This measure seeks to advance the State's efforts on waste reduction by convening experts and relevant stakeholders through a working group to identify



strategies and solutions to reduce construction and demolition waste.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 157 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Energy &  
Environmental Protection,



NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



HSCR 1625-26

Record of Votes of the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HCR 157	<b>Committee Referral:</b> EEP, FIN	<b>Date:</b> 03/24/2026		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <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)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LOWEN, Nicole E. (C)	✓			
2. PERRUSO, Amy A. (VC)	✓			
3. CHUN, Cory M.	✓			
4. KAHALOA, Kirstin				✓
5. KUSCH, Matthias	✓			
6. QUINLAN, Sean				✓
7. MATSUMOTO, Lauren	✓			
TOTAL (7)	5			2
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <span style="margin-left: 150px;">committee acronym(s)</span>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b>				
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