

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1514-26

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 31, 2026

RE: H.C.R. No. 162

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. 162 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
AN ARTS DATA AND MAPPING TASK FORCE TO CONDUCT A STATEWIDE
SURVEY OF ENTITIES ENGAGED IN ARTS AND ARTS EDUCATION AND
DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE DATABASE AND GEOGRAPHIC
INFORMATION SYSTEM MAP OF ARTS ENTITIES AND PROGRAMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the establishment
of an Arts Data and Mapping Task Force to conduct a statewide
survey of entities engaged in arts and arts education and develop
a comprehensive statewide database and geographic information
system map of arts entities and programs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Creative Industries Division of the Department of
Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of
Education; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; State
Foundation on Culture and the Arts; Hawai'i Community Foundation;
Hawai'i Youth Symphony; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that arts programs and arts education
play a vital role in supporting student learning, cultural
preservation, community well-being, workforce development, and the
State's creative economy. However, the State currently lacks a

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centralized, comprehensive, and publicly accessible database capturing the full scope and geographic distribution of arts programs and services, making it difficult for policymakers, educators, and community stakeholders to identify gaps, coordinate resources, and make informed decisions. By requesting the establishment of an Arts Data and Mapping Task Force to conduct a statewide survey and develop a comprehensive database and mapping system of arts entities and programs, this measure improves transparency, accessibility, and strategic planning for arts and arts education statewide.

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. 162 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



JEANNE KAPEILA, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Culture & Arts

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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)	4			2

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

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: *Samuel S Kong*

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