

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3923

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 24 2026

RE: H.C.R. No. 166
H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts and Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 166, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO IDENTIFY STATE LANDS IN EAST OAHU SUITABLE FOR THE PLANTING OF NATIVE HAWAIIAN TREES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Land and Natural Resources to identify state lands in East Oahu suitable for the planting of Native Hawaiian trees.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Aloha Tree Alliance and one individual.

Your Committees find that, in a remarkable example of civic engagement, Shane Fung, a third-grade student at Hahaione Elementary School, recently suggested that the State plant more Native Hawaiian trees in his community in East Oahu to help beautify the landscape and preserve the State's cultural heritage. Mr. Fung specifically suggested the milo tree, a coastal tree once considered sacred with durable and attractive wood that has been traditionally used to make 'umeke and other implements. This measure would help restore native landscapes and preserve cultural connections to the land, while encouraging further civic participation from the next generation.



As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts and Hawaiian Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 166, H.D. 1, and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts and Hawaiian Affairs,



HERBERT M. RICHARDS, III, Chair

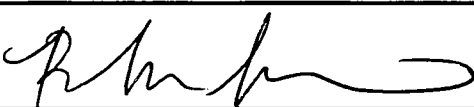


CHRIS LEE, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts
WLA

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HCR 166 HD1	WLA/HWN	04/17/2026		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)				✓
CHANG, Stanley				✓
LAMOSAO, Rachele	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes

