

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1637 -26

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.C.R. No. 191

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

Madame:

Your Committee on Economic Development & Technology, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 191 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL HAWAII GENUINE PROGRESS INDICATOR REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE NO LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS PRIOR TO THE CONVENING OF EACH REGULAR SESSION, BEGINNING WITH THE REGULAR SESSION OF 2027,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to submit an annual Hawaii Genuine Progress Indicator report to the Legislature no later than thirty days prior to the convening of each Regular Session, beginning with the Regular Session of 2027.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Your Committee finds that traditional economic metrics fail to capture the full spectrum of social well-being, environmental sustainability, and long-term economic welfare. Your Committee further finds that the Hawaii Genuine Progress Indicator (HI GPI), developed by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and

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Tourism, represents a more holistic measure that incorporates economic, social, and environmental indicators to assess the true welfare impacts of economic activity in the State. Your Committee recognizes that the State would benefit from more frequent analysis using the HI GPI. This measure therefore urges the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to submit to the Legislature and make publicly available an annual HI GPI report, which will enhance legislative understanding of Hawaii's economic welfare and help guide policy development.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 191 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development & Technology,

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GREGOR ILAGAN, Chair



