

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1576-26

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 31 , 2026

RE: H.C.R. No. 19
H.D. 1

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. 19 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MARCH
2026 AS MARCH4WATER MONTH IN HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to designate the month of
March 2026 as March4Water Month in Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Plumbers and Fitters UA Local 675.

Your Committee finds that water is a vital resource necessary
to sustain life, protect public health, and support Hawaii's
economy. However, aging water infrastructure, workforce demands,
and the high cost of system improvements underscore the need for
increased public awareness and coordinated action to safeguard
water resources. Designating March as March4Water Month in Hawaii
would promote awareness, encourage community participation, and
emphasize the importance of preserving and investing in the
State's water systems for future generations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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- (1) Designating the month of March, rather than just March 2026, as March4Water Month; and.
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 19, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Water & Land in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 19, H.D. 1.

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



JEANIE KAPELA, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Culture & Arts

Bill/Resolution No.: HCR 19 / HR 20 4	Committee Referral: CAA, WAL	Date: 3/25/2026
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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)	5			1

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

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: *James S. King*

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