

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1914-26

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 09 , 2026

RE: H.C.R. No. 33

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. 33 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING HAWAI'I COUNTY, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE PUKŌ COMMUNITY, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS, TO COMPLETE THE PUKŌ SEWAGE PROJECT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to encourage Hawai'i County, in collaboration with the Puakō community, Department of Health, and other stakeholders, to complete the Puakō Sewage Project.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo; Puakō For Reefs; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that coral is vital to Hawaii's environment and economy, yet wastewater pollution from cesspools is contributing to the severe degradation of coral and ocean resources, including at Puakō Reef where live coral cover has plummeted from seventy percent to seven percent. Your Committee further finds that the Puakō community has spent thirteen years developing a generational solution that integrates advanced wastewater technology with fiber-optic infrastructure through a collaborative public-private-philanthropic partnership model that can serve as a replicable roadmap for other coastal communities.


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This measure promotes the environmental health of Puakō Reef by encouraging the completion of the Puakō Sewage Project.

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. 33 and recommends its adoption.

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



GREGGOR ILAGAN, Chair



