

Honolulu, Hawaii  
MAR 31, 2026

RE: H.C.R. No. 54

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

Madame:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred  
H.C.R. No. 54 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF  
HAWAI'I BOARD OF REGENTS TO CONSIDER RENAMING LEEWARD  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO PU'ULOA COMMUNITY COLLEGE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Board of  
Regents of the University of Hawaii to consider renaming Leeward  
Community College to Pu'uloa Community College.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the  
Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that Leeward Community College is  
situated within the historic and cultural region of Pu'uloa, which  
has the highest concentration of traditional loko i'a, which  
sustained communities through food production, irrigation, and  
stewardship of natural resources. Your Committee further finds  
that Leeward Community College aspires to be a leading indigenous-  
serving community college dedicated to inclusion, innovation, and  
a strong Hawaiian sense of place so renaming it Pu'uloa Community  
College will help solidify its commitment to this goal.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your  
Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report,



your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 54 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Higher Education,



ANDREW TAKUYA GARRETT, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HCR 54</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HED, JHA</b>	Date: <b>3-25-26</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HED Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya (C)	✓			
2. AMATO, Terez (VC)	✓			
3. EVSLIN, Luke A.				✓
4. KAPELA, Jeanne	✓			
5. KILA, Darius K.	✓			
6. LA CHICA, Trish	✓			
7. OLDS, Ikaika	✓			
8. WOODSON, Justin H.				✓
9. MURAOKA, Christopher L.				✓
10. SOUZA, Kanani	✓			
TOTAL (10)	7			3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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