

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 31 , 2026

RE: H.R. No. 50

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.R. No. 50 entitled:

"HOUSE 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.R. No. 50 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,



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ANDREW TAKUYA GARRETT, Chair



