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RE: H.R. No. 93
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.R. No. 93 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION NOMINATING JOHN D. WAIHE'E III FOR
INDUCTION INTO THE ALOHA ORDER OF MERIT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to nominate John D. Waihe'e III for induction into the Aloha Order of Merit.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that John D. Waihe'e III has rendered distinguished and historic service to Hawaii, including becoming the first Native Hawaiian elected governor of any state in the United States and elevating Hawaii's role on the national and international stage. His leadership advanced significant initiatives in education, health care, economic development, and Native Hawaiian rights, while his contributions to the 1978 Constitutional Convention helped shape modern governance in the State. Additionally, John D. Waihe'e III has demonstrated lifelong dedication to public service through continued civic engagement and leadership beyond his tenure in office. Your Committee therefore finds that he has achieved national and international



recognition and has brought great honor to the State, meeting the qualifications for induction into the Aloha Order of Merit.

Your Committee has amended this measure by 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.R. No. 93, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 93, H.D. 1.

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



JEANNE KAPELA, Chair



