

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 09 , 2026

RE: H.R. No. 98

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

Madame:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.R. No. 98 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION ENDORSING WAIKIKI AS A WORLD SURFING RESERVE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to endorse the recognition of Waikiki as a World Surfing Reserve.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the College of Social Sciences and Sea Grant College Program of the University of Hawai'i and Waikiki Beach Special Improvement District Association.

Your Committee finds that the World Surfing Reserves is a program created by the Save the Waves Coalition for the identification, designation, and preservation of the world's most outstanding surf zones and their surrounding environment. Your Committee further finds that Waikiki unquestionably meets the criteria to qualify as a globally significant surf spot, with an outstanding series of surf breaks; unique environmental characteristics, with clear methods of protection; a rich surf culture and history; strong community support; and a high-priority conservation area.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 98 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water & Land,

for 

MARK J. HASHEM, Chair



