

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3565

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 08 2026

RE: S.R. No. 9

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and
Judiciary, to which was referred S.R. No. 9 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO
PASS LEGISLATION TO AMEND THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964 TO
PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEX, SEXUAL
ORIENTATION, AND GENDER IDENTITY IN EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING,
PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS, EDUCATION, FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS,
CREDIT, AND JURY SERVICE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
United States Congress to pass legislation to amend the Civil
Rights Act of 1964 to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex,
sexual orientation, and gender identity in employment, housing,
public accommodations, education, federally funded programs,
credit, and jury service.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer
Plus Commission; Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women;
Rainbow Family 808; American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i;
Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; Imua Alliance; Pride
at Work-Hawai'i; Ha'aheo, 'Ohana, Kaulike, Ui Political Action
Committee; Hawai'i Women Lawyers; and two individuals.

Your Committees find that federal law still does not
expressly prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and



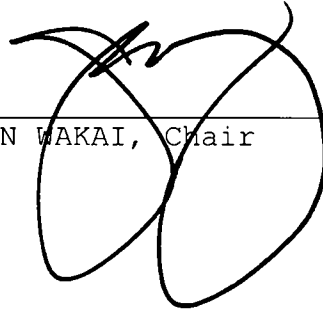
gender identity in a variety of contexts, including public accommodations and facilities, education, federally funded programs, employment, housing, credit, and jury service. There has been no legislative movement on amending the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to address discrimination and inequality, leaving a lack of uniform equal protection guarantees nationwide. This measure reflects the State's long-standing commitment to equality, fairness, and civil rights.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and Judiciary that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 9 and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and Judiciary,



KARL RHOADS, Chair



GLENN WAKAI, Chair



