STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3434

Honolulu, Hawaii

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S.C.R. No. 202 S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2024 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 202 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM IN EDUCATION WITH AN ONLINE OPTION AT LEEWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO ADDRESS THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF WORKING ADULTS IN ALL COUNTIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the development of a baccalaureate degree program in education with an online option at Leeward Community College to address the educational needs of working adults in all counties.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System.

Your Committee finds that there is a growing demand for online educational programs to accommodate working adults who aspire to become teachers. While all counties face unique challenges in recruiting and retaining qualified educators, there is a need for more baccalaureate degree programs at the University of Hawaii Community Colleges to expand access to educational opportunities statewide and address the ongoing chronic teacher shortage. Presently, the University of Hawaii Leeward Community College's accreditation allows the college to offer up to two applied baccalaureate degree programs. As teacher education

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programs at Leeward Community College are already offered statewide through the Internet and include upper division curriculum, expanding access to teacher pathways through new programs can incentivize interested students to enroll. Accordingly, this measure expands access to higher education for prospective teachers while addressing the State's chronic teacher shortage.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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 S.C.R. No. 202, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 202, S.D. 1.

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

DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair

## The Senate Thirty-Second Legislature State of Hawai'i

## Record of Votes Committee on Higher Education HRE

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:			Date:	
SCR 202	HRE			03-28-24	
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)					•
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)					
FUKUNAGA, Carol					
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.					
FEVELLA, Kurt					
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TOTAL		4			
Recommendation:  Adopted  Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:  Nuchille . Kdeni					
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