

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.R. No. 143

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education & Technology, to which was referred H.R. No. 143 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO CREATE A PLAN FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MARITIME COLLEGE AND TO ESTABLISH A MARITIME COLLEGE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the University of Hawaii to convene a working group to create a plan for the establishment of a maritime college and establish a maritime college.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System; Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific - Hawaii Region; Hawai'i State AFL-CIO; International Longshore & Warehouse Union Local 142; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the maritime industry is an important part of the State's critical supply chain and building capacity in the port, maritime, and marine workforce will bring added stability to resources the State depends upon. There is no maritime college in the State and maritime workers must leave the State for training in licensed and unlicensed maritime career pathways.

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Your Committee further finds that the University of Hawaii has emerged as a leader in ocean-based education and research and adding an ocean-based workforce development program is a practical addition to this work. The establishment of a maritime college as part of the University of Hawaii System would encourage the development of a local workforce in maritime and related marine industries.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 143 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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


AMY A. PERUSO, Chair



