

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 13** , 2024

RE: H.B. No. 1588  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Government Operations, to which was referred H.B. No. 1588 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE LABOR EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Specify that the Labor Education Advisory Council shall be advisory to the President of the University of Hawaii on all activities and programs of the Center for Labor Education and Research; and
- (2) Require written responses addressing the Council's advice and adoption of resolutions by the President and Chancellor of the University of Hawaii, West Oahu campus.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; University of Hawai'i System; Hawaii State Teachers Association; Hawaii State AFL-CIO; United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; University of Hawaii Professional Assembly; UNITE HERE Local 5; Labor Education Advisory Council; and two individuals. Your



Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that the Center for Labor Education and Research at the University of Hawaii, West Oahu campus, was established to serve the public and labor community across the State by, among other things, providing labor-related education to the public and advising and assisting in the development and implementation of labor studies degree programs in the University of Hawaii System. This measure would expand the advisory capacity of the Labor Education Advisory Council and ensure that its advice and recommendations on all activities and programs of the Center for Labor Education and Research are received by the President of the University of Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1588, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1588, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Higher Education & Technology.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Labor & Government  
Operations,



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SCOT Z. MATSUMOTO, Chair



