

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1064-24

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 01, 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2684  
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2684, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Institute of Indigenous Education, Science, and Outreach within the University of Hawaii at Hilo to develop and strengthen the Hawaiian-language education pathway, provide language education services, and provide outreach.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Aha Pūnana Leo; Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u Iki; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the University of Hawai'i System.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting the contents of H.B. No. 2682, which:
  - (A) Authorizes the Hawaiian Language College Revolving Fund to receive monies from any revenue source and to be used to support the University of Hawaii at Hilo Imiloa Astronomy Center;

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- (B) Requires the Hawaiian Early Learning Trust Fund to be used for the Hawaiian Language Medium Education Pathway; and
  - (C) Prohibits the University of Hawaii from limiting the amount of revenue deposited into either fund and establishes a cap on individual deposits into both funds; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2684, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2684, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Finance,



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KYLE T. YAMASHITA, Chair



