

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 442  
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred  
H.B. No. 442 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for  
various nursing programs of the University of Hawaii System.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the University of Hawai'i System; East Hawaii Region of Hawaii  
Health Systems Corporation; Hawai'i State Center for Nursing;  
Healthcare Association of Hawaii; and AlohaCare. Your Committee  
received comments on this measure from Academic Labor United and  
one individual.

Your Committee finds that growing demand for skilled nursing  
professionals is critical to addressing health care shortages and  
ensuring the well-being of the State's communities. Your  
Committee further finds that investing in nursing education  
programs of the University of Hawaii not only strengthens Hawaii's  
health care system but also supports economic growth, improves  
health outcomes, and enhances the State's capacity to provide  
equitable and accessible care for all residents.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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- (1) Changing the appropriations to unspecified amounts;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider appropriating the following amounts:

- (1) \$447,936 for fiscal year 2025-2026 and fiscal year 2026-2027 for University of Hawaii, Manoa (UOH 100)- University of Hawaii, West Oahu nursing collaboration phase III;
- (2) \$111,984 for fiscal year 2025-2026 and fiscal year 2026-2027 for the University of Hawaii, Manoa (UOH 100) for the online RN to BS program;
- (3) \$424,364 for fiscal year 2025-2026 and fiscal year 2026-2027 for the University of Hawaii, West Oahu (UOH 700) for the pre-nursing pathway; and
- (4) \$297,500 for fiscal year 2025-2026 and \$595,000 for fiscal year 2026-2027 for the University of Hawaii at Hilo (UOH210) to increase its school of nursing cohort size.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 442, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 442, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.



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



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ANDREW TAKUYA GARRETT, Chair



