

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1769

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2025

RE: H.B. No. 563  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 563, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII'S  
SPACE SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING INITIATIVE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate moneys for the University of Hawaii Institute for Astronomy to fund workforce development under the Space Sciences and Engineering Initiative.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii System; County of Hawaii, Department of Research and Development; Maunakea Observatories; Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce; Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Hawaii; Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce; Molokai High School; NexTech Hawaii; and twelve individuals.

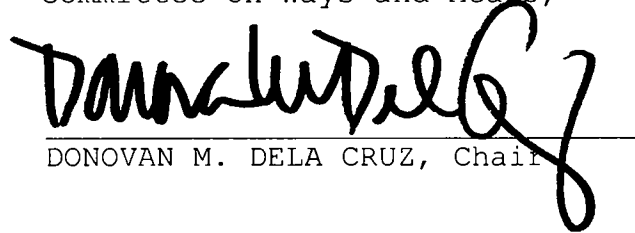
Your Committee finds that workforce development under the Space Sciences and Engineering Initiative will help to increase opportunities for Hawaii youth to enter into high-paying science, technology, engineering, and math careers in the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your



Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B.  
No. 563, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third  
Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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| Bill / Resolution No.:*<br><b>HB503 HD1 SD1</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Committee Referral:<br><b>HRE, WAM</b> | Date:<br><b>4/2/2025</b> |            |                |
| <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;"><div style="margin-right: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.<br/>If so, then the previous decision was to: _____</div></div>                                                                                                                                             |                                        |                          |            |                |
| The Recommendation is:<br><div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Pass, unamended</b><br/>2312</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Pass, with amendments</b><br/>2311</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Hold</b><br/>2310</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Recommit</b><br/>2313</div></div> |                                        |                          |            |                |
| <b>Members</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Aye</b>                             | <b>Aye (WR)</b>          | <b>Nay</b> | <b>Excused</b> |
| DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | X                                      |                          |            |                |
| MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | X                                      |                          |            |                |
| AQUINO, Henry J.C.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | X                                      |                          |            |                |
| DECOITE, Lynn                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | X                                      |                          |            |                |
| ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | X                                      |                          |            |                |
| HASHIMOTO, Troy N.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | X                                      |                          |            |                |
| INOUE, Lorraine R.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | X                                      |                          |            |                |
| KANUHA, Dru Mamo                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | X                                      |                          |            |                |
| KIDANI, Michelle N.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | X                                      |                          |            |                |
| KIM, Donna Mercado                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | X                                      |                          |            |                |
| LEE, Chris                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | X                                      |                          |            |                |
| WAKAI, Glenn                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | X                                      |                          |            |                |
| FEVELLA, Kurt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | X                                      |                          |            |                |
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| Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Adopted</b></div><div><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Not Adopted</b></div></div>                                                                                                                                                                        |                                        |                          |            |                |
| Chair's or Designee's Signature:<br><div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                        |                          |            |                |
| <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div><b>Distribution:</b></div><div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 80%;"><div>Original<br/>File with Committee Report</div><div>Yellow<br/>Clerk's Office</div><div>Pink<br/>Drafting Agency</div><div>Goldenrod<br/>Committee File Copy</div></div></div>                                             |                                        |                          |            |                |

**\*Only one measure per Record of Votes**