

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2025

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RE: H.B. No. 718

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. 718 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO POSITIONS AT THE JOHN A. BURNS
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the
University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM)
for:

- (1) Faculty positions in the fields of cardiovascular
biology, tropical medicine, and quantitative health
biostatistics; and
- (2) An environmental health and safety officer staff
position.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine;
University of Hawaii Professional Assembly; and Hawai'i Primary
Care Association.

Your Committee finds that additional faculty positions in
cardiovascular biology, tropical medicine, and quantitative health
biostatistics will enable JABSOM to better understand potential

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health disparities across a wide spectrum of conditions and diseases commonly experienced by many in the State who are already at higher risk for disease or who suffer disproportionately.

Your Committee further finds that an environmental health and safety officer is needed at JABSOM's health and wellness medical school buildings to conduct the required testing of injection wells and reporting duties at the buildings once JABSOM's contract with the City and County of Honolulu Board of Water Supply expires on September 15, 2025.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the amount appropriated and number of positions to be funded to unspecified amounts; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$763,000 for JABSOM to fund:

- (1) Three full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) faculty positions: one each in the fields of cardiovascular biology, tropical medicine, and quantitative health biostatistics; and
- (2) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) environmental health and safety officer staff position.

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. 718, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 718, 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,



ANDREW TAKUYA GARRETT, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education

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<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HED Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya (C)	✓			
2. AMATO, Terez (VC)	✓			
3. EVSLIN, Luke A.	✓			
4. KAPELA, Jeanne	✓			
5. KILA, Darius K.	✓			
6. LA CHICA, Trish	✓			
7. OLDS, Ikaika	✓			
8. SAYAMA, Jackson D.	✓			
9. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
10. MURAOKA, Christopher L.	✓			
11. SOUZA, Kanani	✓			
TOTAL (11)	11			
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align:center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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