

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 11 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 842
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. 842 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the
University of Hawaii at Manoa to establish three additional
permanent mental health practitioner positions within the Division
of Student Success' Counseling and Student Development Center.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa; Academic Labor United; and
one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Counseling and Student
Development Center at the University of Hawaii at Manoa is a
critical resource providing mental health support to its students.
However, the Center's staffing levels remain critically low. This
measure will provide funding for additional full-time, permanent
mental health professionals to meet the mental health needs of
university students.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

2025-1674 HB842 HD1 HSCR HMSO



- (1) Changing the number of positions to be funded to an unspecified number; and
- (2) 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 Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 842, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 842, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



ANDREW TAKUYA GARRETT, Chair



