

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 11 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 843
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. 843 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE COLLEGE OF TROPICAL
AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESILIENCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds:

- (1) For critical repairs, maintenance, demolition, design,
and construction for facilities of the College of
Tropical Agriculture and Human Resilience at the
University of Hawaii at Manoa; and
- (2) To establish positions within the University of Hawaii
for the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human
Resilience at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resilience at
the University of Hawai'i at Manoa; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; MetroGrow
Hawaii; and Maui County Farm Bureau.

Your Committee finds that in the past twenty years, the
College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resilience (CTAHR) at
the University of Hawaii at Manoa has lost personnel and struggled

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with deteriorating facilities and infrastructure. Without the proper personnel, CTAHR will be unable to support its agricultural research and extension stations. Your Committee further finds that many of CTAHR's facilities are decades old, with some dating back to the early- to mid-1900s, and most facilities have only received minimal repairs over the years. This measure will ensure that CTAHR has the resources necessary to obtain staffing positions and repair its facilities so it can continue its vital work in supporting the State through its programs and initiatives.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the amounts to be 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 appropriating the following amounts:

- (1) \$11,000,000 for critical repairs, maintenance, demolition, design, and construction for facilities of CTAHR, to be expended as follows:
 - (A) \$5,000,000 for the Waimanalo research station on Oahu; and
 - (B) \$6,000,000 for the Magoon research station on Oahu; and
- (2) \$2,083,334 to establish eight full-time equivalent agricultural technician positions, four full-time equivalent community coordinator positions, and eight full-time equivalent administrative professional technical positions within CTAHR.

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. 843, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 843, 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



