

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

188

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 06, 2025

RE: H.B. No. 940
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. 940 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the
rat lungworm lab at the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy at
the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo and one individual. Your
Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of
Health.

Your Committee finds that rat lungworm disease causes
substantial impairment to quality of life, is difficult to
diagnose, and lacking in strong evidence to guide treatment
recommendations. There is critical need for ongoing research into
rat lungworm disease. The appropriation of funds as provided in
this measure will promote and advance high quality research to
improve the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of rat lungworm
disease.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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- (1) Changing the amount appropriated to an unspecified amount; 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 \$500,000 for the rat lungworm lab at the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy at the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

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. 940, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 940, 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 TANUYA GARRETT, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 940	Committee Referral: HED, FIU	Date: 01.31.2025		
<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: <i>Terez Amato</i>				
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