

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1279

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 17 , 2025

RE: S.B. No. 119
S.D. 1
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
S.B. No. 119, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NURSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the
establishment of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program
at the University of Hawaii Maui College.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the University of Hawai'i System; Office of Hawaiian Affairs;
Hawai'i State Center for Nursing; Hawai'i Nurses Association -
OPEIU Local 50; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; Hawai'i Public
Health Association; Hawai'i - American Nurses Association;
AlohaCare; and five individuals.

Your Committee finds that the State is experiencing a growing
nursing workforce shortage. Your Committee further finds that
Maui County is the largest county in Hawaii without a college or
university Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program. Your
Committee believes that appropriating funds to establish a
Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program at the University of Hawaii
Maui College will increase the supply of nursing graduates, reduce

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the nursing workforce shortage, and allow Maui nursing students to remain on Maui during their entire course of study.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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 S.B. No. 119, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 119, S.D. 1, 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



Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education

Bill/Resolution No.: SB119 SD1	Committee Referral: HED, FZN	Date: 03.12.2025		
<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)	9			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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