

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1252
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
S.B. No. 1252 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEMENTIA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii to establish a specialized training program to educate health care providers on caring for patients with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, and appropriate funds therefor.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Alzheimer's Association - Hawaii, Hawai'i Primary Care Association, and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that there is a critical need for specialized training programs to equip health care providers with the knowledge and skills necessary to deliver high-quality care to patients living with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. Your Committee further finds that specialized dementia training is needed as many primary care providers indicate that they received little education on dementia care in school. This measure addresses a significant gap in the State's health care system and will benefit patients, families, and caregivers across the State.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 31, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 1252, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1252, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 1252	HRE, WAM	2/10/2025		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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