

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1036

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 28 2025**

RE: S.B. No. 1502  
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 Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1502, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate moneys to the University of Hawaii to hire faculty for workforce development to meet the demands of the defense sector of the State's economy.

Specifically, this measure appropriates moneys to the:

- (1) College of Social Sciences of the University of Hawaii at Manoa for four full-time equivalent (FTE) positions, one half-time equivalent (0.5 FTE) position, and related expenses; and
- (2) Business Administration Program of the University of Hawaii, West Oahu for two half-time equivalent (0.5 FTE) positions and related expenses.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii System; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce; Hawaii Military Affairs Council; University of Hawaii Professional Assembly; Watanabe Floral, Inc.; and five individuals.



Your Committee finds that the defense sector of the State's economy presents unique opportunities for economic growth in Hawaii. Your Committee further finds that investment in workforce development at the University of Hawaii System, specifically the College of Social Sciences and the Business Administration Program, will help prepare future generations to thrive in the sector.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1502, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

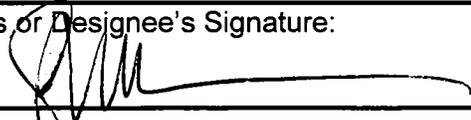
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
Thirty-Third Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB1502 SD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HRE, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/28/2025</b>		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.				X
KIM, Donna Mercado				X
LEE, Chris				X
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	10	0	0	3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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