

Honolulu, Hawaii

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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 Higher Education, to which was referred
S.B. No. 1502 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 funds to the University of Hawaii to establish faculty positions, student programs, and facilities in the College of Social Sciences at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and University of Hawaii, West Oahu for workforce development in the defense sector of the State's economy.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System, University of Hawaii Professional Assembly, Hawaii Military Affairs Council, Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, Kaua'i Chamber, Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce, Hawai'i Restaurant Association, and eight individuals.

Your Committee finds that the defense sector of the State's economy is rapidly growing and offers well-paying jobs for the State's workforce. To meet the growing demand for jobs in this sector, your Committee believes that the State should utilize and invest in the expertise offered at the College of Social Sciences at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and the Business Administration Program at the University of Hawaii, West Oahu. This measure provides the University of Hawaii at Manoa and



University of Hawaii, West Oahu with the necessary resources to prepare students for a fruitful career in the defense sector.

Your Committee notes that the University of Hawaii, West Oahu is presently searching for viable candidates to fill two faculty positions in its Business Administration Program that have been vacant for eighteen months. Your Committee believes that University of Hawaii, West Oahu should prioritize filling vacant faculty positions over establishing new positions.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriations to unspecified amounts;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 31, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) 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. 1502, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1502, 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

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1502	Committee Referral: HRE, WAM	Date: 2/11/2025		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt				/
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
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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