

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2025

RE: S.C.R. No. 137

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.C.R. No. 137 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE
AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
HAWAII FOUNDATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Office of the Auditor to conduct a performance audit of the
University of Hawaii Foundation.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this
measure from the University of Hawai'i Foundation.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the
Office of the Auditor.

Your Committee finds that the University of Hawaii Foundation
is a private nonprofit corporation engaging in fundraising efforts
for the University of Hawaii System and the management of over
seven thousand gift accounts for the University. Your Committee
further finds that the efficient, effective, and transparent use
of funding to provide extensive support for students and faculty
through the offerings of programs that receive dedicated donor
funding and improvement projects should be a priority of the
University of Hawaii Foundation. Your Committee also finds that
the evaluation of the use and management of these funds is crucial



to identifying potential shortfalls and areas of improvement to ensure productive use of funds in support of university students and faculty. This measure requests the Office of the Auditor to conduct a performance audit of the University of Hawaii Foundation to ensure the effective use and management of the funds received by the Foundation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 137 and recommends that it 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.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SCR 137	HRE, WAM	3/24/2025		
<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-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div style="text-align: center;"><input 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.	✓			DMK NAHATA
FEVELLA, Kurt				DMK ✓
TOTAL	2	0	1	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> Distribution: Original File with Committee Report </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> Yellow Clerk's Office </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> Pink Drafting Agency </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> Goldenrod Committee File Copy </div> </div>				

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