

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1375

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 31 2025

RE: S.C.R. No. 50

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. 50 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF REGENTS TO ESTABLISH A BACHELOR OF
SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII MAUI
CAMPUS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the
President and Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii to
establish a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program at the
University of Hawaii Maui Campus.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the University of Hawai'i System and Healthcare Association of
Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that there is a pressing need for highly
qualified nursing professionals to meet the health care needs of
the County of Maui. Your Committee further finds that while the
University of Hawaii Maui College currently offers a Practical
Nurse Certificate of Achievement and an Associate in Science in
Nursing degree, which prepare students for entry-level nursing
positions, it does not offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing
degree like University of Hawaii at Manoa. This compels many
nursing students enrolled in the University of Hawaii Maui College
to either relocate to earn their bachelor's degree or pause their



education to remain in the Maui nursing workforce. Your Committee also finds that establishing a dedicated Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at the University of Hawaii Maui College will provide Maui residents with an uninterrupted pathway for more advanced nursing knowledge along with greater advancement opportunities. This measure addresses the nurse shortage in rural communities in the State.

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. 50 and recommends its adoption.

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



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



