

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3639

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2022

RE: S.C.R. No. 132

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 132 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF
HAWAII TO REPORT ON THE PAMANTASAN COUNCIL'S SYSTEMWIDE
EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE STATUS OF FILIPINOS AT THE UNIVERSITY
OF HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
University of Hawaii to report on the Pamantasan Council's
systemwide efforts to improve the status of Filipinos at the
University of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from University of Hawaii Pamantasan Council, Tinalak Filipino
Education Council, Hawaii Friends of Civil Rights, Sariling Gawa
Youth Council, and thirteen individuals.

Your Committee finds that Filipinos represent one-quarter of
Hawaii's population, the second largest ethnic group in the State,
the largest ethnicity in public schools, the third largest in
community colleges, and the fourth largest at four-year campuses.
However, Filipino students continue to be underrepresented at the
undergraduate level and significantly underrepresented in graduate
and professional degree programs. Additionally, Filipino faculty,
who have also provided leadership and service to the State and
Filipino community, are also underrepresented at all University of



Hawaii campuses as many faculty members serve in temporary positions while critical, permanent faculty positions remain unfilled.

Your Committee further finds that throughout the University of Hawaii campuses, there are few Filipino-related courses such as Philippine languages, Philippine studies, and Filipinos in Hawaii that are offered. While the University of Hawaii received funding for two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) positions to support the Pamantasan Council and its activities at the University of Hawaii through Act 266, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, the onset of the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic prevented the disbursement of funds. Addressing the lack of representation of Filipino students, faculty, and staff may provide the University of Hawaii System with information to increase representation; courses on Philippine languages, culture, and history; and the status of Filipinos at the University of Hawaii.

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. 132 and recommends its adoption.

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



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.				✓
WAKAI, Glenn				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	3			2

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: *Michelle N. Kidani*

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