

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1232

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 2023

RE: H.B. No. 848
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
H.B. No. 848, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII INSTITUTE FOR
MARINE BIOLOGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate
funds for the establishment of three permanent full-time
equivalent (3.0 FTE) support staff positions for the Hawaii
Institute of Marine Biology.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the University of Hawai'i System, He'eia National Estuarine
Research Reserve, Pacific American Foundation, Kāne'ohe Bay
Regional Council, Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, and six
individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Institute of Marine
Biology performs cutting-edge oceans and coastal research and
provides internationally recognized training for students in
conservation-oriented and place-based scientific research. The
Institute is also developing vocational and technical training
opportunities, such as paid experiential learning internship
programs for students of local community colleges. As the
Institute grows its programs, the Institute's need for permanent



support staff consequently also increases. This measure therefore supports the programmatic expansion of the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology by appropriating funds for the establishment of additional permanent support staff positions.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language authorizing the Governor to correct any manifest clerical, typographical, or other mechanical errors that may be found in this measure; and
- (2) 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 H.B. No. 848, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 848, H.D. 2, 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-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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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)	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	4			1

Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

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

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