

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1556

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2023

RE: S.R. No. 116

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
S.R. No. 116 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COMMUNITY
COLLEGES TO ESTABLISH BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS IN
AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY, FOOD SCIENCE, AND EDUCATION AT
LEEWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the
University of Hawaii Community Colleges to establish baccalaureate
degree programs in agricultural technology, food science, and
education at Leeward Community College.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this
measure from the University of Hawai'i System.

Your Committee finds that leeward and central Oahu are in
need of agricultural technology, food technology, and teaching
programs. The need for agricultural technology and food
technology programs stems from the predicted retirement of many of
the State's farmers, who are nearing retirement age. Without new
farmers, food production in the State will decline. Accessible
agricultural technology and food technology programs can help draw
students to farming and increase the number of new farmers in the
State.



Your Committee notes the concerns that, per discussion with the University of Hawaii, establishing baccalaureate degree programs at Leeward Community College would require substantial changes with the College's accreditation body and would be contingent upon the University of Hawaii's review and approval. Amendments to this measure are therefore necessary to address these concerns.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Urging the University of Hawaii West Oahu, rather than the University of Hawaii Leeward Community College, to establish baccalaureate degree programs in agricultural technology, food science, and education;
- (2) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose; 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 concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 116, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 116, S.D. 1.

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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SR116	HRE	3/30/23		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> 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	3			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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