THE SENATE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023 STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO. 838

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the University of 2 Hawaii community colleges are a key component to the State. The 3 University of Hawaii provides essential postsecondary education and workforce development programs to prepare residents for 4 5 future careers. At least one University of Hawaii community 6 college campus is located in each county across the State, making education accessible to Hawaii residents. As the 7 community college system plays a vital role in supporting Hawaii 8 9 residents in education and career development, and therefore the 10 State's economic development, providing the community colleges 11 with a voice at the administrative level within the University of Hawaii system is a matter of statewide concern that falls 12 13 under the legislature's purview pursuant to article X, section 14 6, of the Hawaii State Constitution.

Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require the vice president of community colleges to report directly to the board of regents of the University of Hawaii.



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SECTION 2. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 1 2 amended by adding a new section to part IV, subpart A, subdivision 1, to be appropriately designated and to read as 3 4 follows: 5 "§304A- Vice president of community colleges; board of regents. The vice president of community colleges shall report 6 7 directly to the board of regents." 8 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored. 9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval. 10 INTRODUCED BY: DAMAN



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Report Title: University of Hawaii; Community Colleges; Vice President; Board of Regents

Description: Requires the Vice President of Community Colleges to report directly to the Board of Regents.

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