

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 , 2023

RE: H.B. No. 258
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education & Technology, to which was referred H.B. No. 258 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION OF THE SAINT FRANCIS SCHOOL CAMPUS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the University of Hawaii for the acquisition of the Saint Francis School campus located at 2707 Pamoia Road in Honolulu.

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

Your Committee finds that according to the University, the property is owned by the St. Francis of the Neumann Communities and the St. Francis School used the property until it ceased school operations in May 2019. Your Committee further finds that the property is being offered for sale by the landowner and is currently in escrow between the landowner and a private party. However, the University of Hawaii is interested in the property because of its close proximity to the University of Hawaii at Manoa campus and the potential integration of the property into its long-range development plan. Accordingly, this measure would

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allow the University to be prepared to pursue acquisition of the property should the current transaction not close.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 258, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 258, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



AMY A. PERUSO, Chair



