

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 417

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 2023

RE: S.B. No. 663

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Higher Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 663 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds for the establishment of an Agriculture Education Coordinator position within the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources to support a coordinated framework for agriculture education in the State.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture, University of Hawai'i College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association, Kanalani Ohana Farm, and one individual.

Your Committees find that the University of Hawai'i College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources convened the P-20 Agriculture Education Working Group, which resulted in the recommendation to the Legislature to create an Agriculture Education Coordinator position within the College. This position will work across the University of Hawai'i System, including the community colleges, Department of Education, and other members of the original working group, to improve the coordination of already existing agriculture education programs and to provide a diversity of educational options to meet Hawaii's need to train and develop more farmers in the State. This measure appropriates funds for



this position to enhance the coordinated efforts of providing comprehensive educational options to aspiring farmers in the State.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Higher Education that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 663 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Agriculture and  
Environment and Higher  
Education,



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DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



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MIKE GABBARD, Chair





The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Higher Education**  
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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				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>2</b>

Recommendation:  Adopted      Not Adopted

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

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