

JAN 17 2025

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that ensuring
2 accountability and transparency of operations relating to the
3 university of Hawaii and the board of regents of the university
4 of Hawaii is a matter of statewide concern pursuant to article
5 X, section 6, of the Hawaii State Constitution.

6 SECTION 2. Chapter 304A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended by adding a new section to part I, subpart A, to be
8 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

9 "§304A- External audit committee. (a) There is
10 established within the university of Hawaii an external audit
11 committee to audit the board of regents and the university of
12 Hawaii system.

13 (b) The committee shall include the following members:

14 (1) The auditor;

15 (2) One member appointed by the governor;

16 (3) One member appointed by the chief justice; and



1 (4) Other members invited by the external audit committee,
2 as appropriate.

3 (c) The external audit committee shall be subject to
4 chapter 84. The external audit committee shall be exempt from
5 chapter 91 and chapter 92 to the extent that the audit committee
6 is engaging in discussions that should remain confidential in
7 accordance with nationally recognized best practices for
8 external and independent audit committees, or in proceedings
9 arising from an investigation by the external audit committee
10 relating to potentially actionable civil or criminal conduct,
11 regardless of whether the investigation is pending or
12 outstanding.

13 (d) The external audit committee shall engage in oversight
14 relating to enterprise risk management.

15 (e) The external audit committee shall hold meetings as
16 needed to address matters on its agenda, not less frequently
17 than twice per year.

18 (f) The external audit committee shall review its
19 effectiveness annually.

20 (g) The committee shall submit a report of its findings
21 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the



1 governor, chief justice, and legislature no later than twenty
2 days prior to the convening of each regular session."

3 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



S.B. NO. 741

Report Title:

UH; BOR; Auditor; Governor; Chief Justice; External Audit Committee; Established; Reports

Description:

Establishes an External Audit Committee within the University of Hawaii to audit the University of Hawaii System and the Board of Regents. Requires annual reports to the Legislature.

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