Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 546
        H.D. 1
        S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

    Your Committees on Higher Education and Labor and Technology,
to which was referred H.B. No. 546, H.D. 1, entitled:

    "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

    The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish and
appropriate funds for the Aloha Intelligence Institute within the
University of Hawaii to develop, support, and advance artificial
intelligence initiatives statewide.

    Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the University of Hawai'i System, University of Hawaii
Professional Assembly, Ohana Unity Parity, and three individuals.

    Your Committees find that the unprecedented evolution of
artificial intelligence (AI) is rapidly revolutionizing most
technologies and their impacts on daily life. Economies,
societies, and regulations must develop parallel to this
technology to capitalize on its advantages and minimize negative
consequences. An institute dedicated to cultivating a unified
approach for AI insertion will serve the State's interests by
utilizing existing capacity to develop best practices and policy
guidelines. This measure formalizes and integrates the efforts,
expertise, activities, and approaches across the University of

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Hawaii's ten campuses to create one resource for the State to encourage economic development through AI use.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

(1)   Specifying that aside from any general funding from the Legislature, the Aloha Intelligence Institute may seek additional funding through federal research grants, partnerships with private sector organizations, and philanthropic contributions;

(2)   Deleting language that would have appropriated funds for the establishment of faculty of practice and administrative professional technical positions within the Aloha Intelligence Institute and for the development, support, and advancement of artificial intelligence initiatives statewide; and

(3)   Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Higher Education and Labor and Technology that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 546, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 546, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Higher Education and Labor and Technology,

HENRY J.C. AQUINO, Chair

DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair

The Senate
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HB 546 HD1	HRE/LBT, WAM	3/18/2025

☐ 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				✔
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	✔			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✔			
TOTAL	4			1

Recommendation: ☑ Adopted   ☐ Not Adopted

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

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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
AQUINO, Henry J.C. (C)	X			
LEE, Chris (VC)	X			
IHARA, Jr., Les	X			W ce
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	5			

Recommendation:

☒ Adopted   ☐ Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:

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