

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 06**, 2025

RE: H.B. No. 940  
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred  
H.B. No. 940 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the  
rat lungworm lab at the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy at  
the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo and one individual. Your  
Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of  
Health.

Your Committee finds that rat lungworm disease causes  
substantial impairment to quality of life, is difficult to  
diagnose, and lacking in strong evidence to guide treatment  
recommendations. There is critical need for ongoing research into  
rat lungworm disease. The appropriation of funds as provided in  
this measure will promote and advance high quality research to  
improve the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of rat lungworm  
disease.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

2025-1332 HB940 HD1 HSCR HMSO



- (1) Changing the amount appropriated to an unspecified amount; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$500,000 for the rat lungworm lab at the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy at the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 940, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 940, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



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ANDREW TANUYA GARRETT, Chair



