

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.R. No. 189
H.D. 2

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

Madame:

Your Committee on Labor, to which was referred H.R. No. 189,
H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
COMMUNITY COLLEGES, INCLUDING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII MAUI
COLLEGE, TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF BACHELOR'S DEGREE
PROGRAMS THAT DIRECTLY ALIGN WITH JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND
INDUSTRY NEEDS WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGION OF SERVICE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the University of
Hawaii Community Colleges, including the University of Hawaii Maui
College, to develop a comprehensive list of Bachelor's degree
programs that directly align with job opportunities and industry
needs within their respective region of service.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the
University of Hawai'i System.

Your Committee finds that the State's economic vitality
depends on a skilled workforce that meets the needs of key
regional industries, including tourism and hospitality,
agriculture, marine research, renewable energy, and health care.
Your Committee also finds that each of the University of Hawaii
Community Colleges plays a vital role in providing accessible,
regionally-relevant higher education that supports local economic

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development. Aligning academic programs with current and emerging job opportunities in each region will benefit students, local employers, and the overall economic growth of the State.

Your Committee notes that focusing exclusively on Bachelor's degree programs may limit the flexibility to offer academic pathways that anticipate future workforce trends.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by including associate's degrees, certificates, and other existing pathways in the development of the comprehensive list pursuant to this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 189, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 189, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor,



JACKSON D. SARAMA, Chair



