

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2047

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 11 , 2025

RE: S.C.R. No. 192
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
S.C.R. No. 192 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF
HAWAII SYSTEM TO ESTABLISH A VETERINARY MEDICINE EXPANSION
WORKING GROUP TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING A
DOCTOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE PROGRAM AT WINDWARD COMMUNITY
COLLEGE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the University of
Hawaii System to establish a Veterinary Medicine Expansion Working
Group to explore the feasibility of developing a Doctor of
Veterinary Medicine program at Windward Community College.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaiian Humane Society. Your Committee received
comments on this measure from University of Hawai'i System.

Your Committee finds that the State is experiencing a
critical shortage of veterinarians, especially in rural areas and
for large animal and agricultural veterinary services. The lack
of a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program drives aspiring
veterinarians to seek education outside of the State, which can
increase financial burdens and reduce the likelihood that a newly
licensed veterinarian will return to the State to practice. Your

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Committee believes that establishing a working group to explore the feasibility of developing a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine pathway will help address Hawaii's veterinary workforce shortages.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Broadening the scope of the Veterinary Medicine Expansion Working Group's directive to the entire University of Hawaii System, rather than to only Windward Community College;
- (2) Requesting the following to serve as members of the Working Group:
 - (A) The President of the University of Hawaii, or the President's designee, who is further requested to serve as the chairperson of the Working Group; and
 - (B) The Chancellor of University of Hawaii at Hilo, or the Chancellor's designee;
- (3) Directing a certified copy of this measure to the Chancellor of the University of Hawaii at Hilo;
- (4) Deleting certain findings relating to the expansion of Windward Community College's existing Veterinary Technology program to include a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine pathway;
- (5) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 192, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 192, H.D. 1.



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



ANDREW TANJAYA GARRETT, Chair

Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education

Bill/Resolution No.: SCR 192	Committee Referral: HED, AGIR	Date: 4/9/25		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HED Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya (C)	✓			
2. AMATO, Terez (VC)				✓
3. EVSLIN, Luke A.				✓
4. KAPELA, Jeanne	✓			
5. KILA, Darius K.	✓			
6. LA CHICA, Trish	✓			
7. OLDS, Ikaika	✓			
8. SAYAMA, Jackson D.	✓			
9. WOODSON, Justin H.				✓
10. MURAOKA, Christopher L.	✓			
11. SOUZA, Kanani	✓			✓
TOTAL (11)	7			4
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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