

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2025

RE: S.R. No. 155
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
S.R. No. 155 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A
MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE OFFICE OF THE VICE
PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC STRATEGY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Auditor to conduct a management and performance audit of the
Office of the Vice President for Academic Strategy of the
University of Hawaii.

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

Your Committee finds that the Office of the Vice President
for Academic Strategy of the University of Hawaii is responsible
for overseeing system-wide policies, programs, and initiatives
that shape the institution's academic quality, career pathways,
workforce pipelines, and performance metrics. Your Committee
further finds that it is vital to evaluate the University of
Hawaii's plan to develop career pathways to ensure alignment with
the State's industry needs and to facilitate students' transition
to gainful employment. Your Committee also finds that a
management and performance audit of the Office of the Vice
President for Academic Strategy of the University of Hawaii would



provide valuable insights into the efficiency, effectiveness, and impact of programs and initiatives under its scope, enabling evidence-based improvements and strategic decision-making. This measure requests the Auditor to perform a management and performance audit of the Office of the Vice President for Academic Strategy of the University of Hawaii to provide clarity and insight into the Office's ongoing efforts.

Your Committee has amended this measure by deleting language that would have requested the Auditor to focus on the design, implementation, and effectiveness of performance metrics in measuring program success when performing its audit of the Office of the Vice President for Academic Strategy of the University of Hawaii.

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.R. No. 155, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 155, S.D. 1.

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



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



