

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1376

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 31 2025

RE: S.R. No. 32

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. 32 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII PRESIDENT  
AND BOARD OF REGENTS TO ESTABLISH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN  
NURSING PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII MAUI CAMPUS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the  
President and Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii to  
establish a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program at the  
University of Hawaii Maui Campus.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the University of Hawai'i System and Healthcare Association of  
Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that there is a pressing need for highly  
qualified nursing professionals to meet the health care needs of  
the County of Maui. Your Committee further finds that while the  
University of Hawaii Maui College currently offers a Practical  
Nurse Certificate of Achievement and an Associate in Science in  
Nursing degree, which prepare students for entry-level nursing  
positions, it does not offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
degree like University of Hawaii at Manoa. This compels many  
nursing students enrolled in the University of Hawaii Maui College  
to either relocate to earn their bachelor's degree or pause their  
education to remain in the Maui nursing workforce. Your Committee



also finds that establishing a dedicated Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at the University of Hawaii Maui College will provide Maui residents with an uninterrupted pathway for more advanced nursing knowledge along with greater advancement opportunities. This measure addresses the nurse shortage in rural communities in the State.

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. 32 and recommends its adoption.

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



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



