

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2026

RE: H.B. No. 2158
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 2158, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the University of Hawaii System to collect, maintain, and publish standardized program-level data for each academic program offered;
- (2) Require maintenance of an online dashboard with program-level data; and
- (3) Require an annual report to the Legislature.

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

Your Committee finds that fiscal pressures, enrollment declines, demographic shifts, and workforce shortages require careful, well-informed stewardship of public higher education resources. A centralized, searchable dashboard of data relating to academic outcomes at the University of Hawaii would provide students, families, and policymakers with clear and actionable



information. This measure modernizes institutional data usage to support data-informed decision-making in higher education.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 31, 2055, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2158, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2158, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

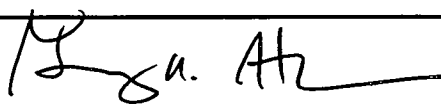


DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 2158 HD1	EDU, WAM	03/14/26		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)				/
FUKUNAGA, Carol				/
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	/			
DECORTE, Samantha	/			
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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