

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2765

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 05 2026

RE: S.B. No. 2802
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 Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2802, S.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 establish and appropriate moneys for bachelor's degree programs in education and agricultural science at Leeward Community College.

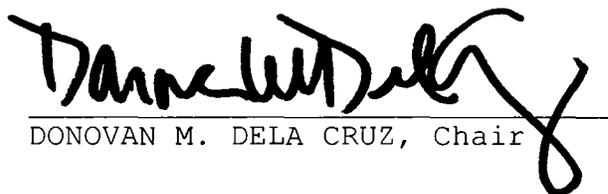
Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii Farm Bureau, Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that both the education and agricultural sectors in the State continue to face shortages of qualified candidates to fill vacant positions. As the population of farmers and ranchers ages, the agricultural industry sees labor shortages across the agricultural supply chain that create barriers to entry and growth. Similarly, schools continue to encounter teacher shortages, unfilled vacancies, and frequent turnovers that threaten to impact the services provided to students in Hawaii's schools. Establishing bachelor's degree programs in education and agricultural sciences will help increase the number of qualified candidates for jobs in these fields and allow program graduates to contribute to their local communities.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2802, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

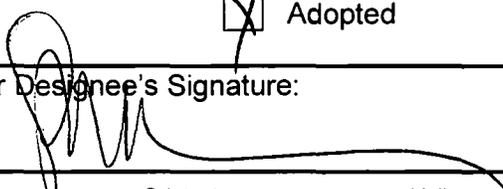
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2802, S D 1	Committee Referral: EDU, WAM	Date: 3/7/2020 2/25/2020		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	13	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes