

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 200

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 200 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII'S CENTER ON AGING, RESEARCH, AND
EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the University of
Hawaii to provide funding to support five faculty staff positions
at the Center on Aging, Research, and Education.

Testimony in support of the measure was submitted by the
University of Hawaii School of Social Work and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that since budget cuts implemented in
1994, the Center on Aging, Research, and Education has attempted
to carry out its mission of making gerontological knowledge and
resources available with an annual budget of \$35,000, sufficient
only for clerical support and minor operating expenses.
Meanwhile, the urgent need for social workers in the area of
gerontology is exacerbated by the growing needs of Hawaii's aging
population. Without dedicated professionals and a critical mass
of homegrown graduates prepared to work in the field, the
University's opportunities for grant funding, service, and
collaboration with other institutions will be lost.

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. 200 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Human Services.

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



CLAYTON HEE, Chair



