

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2482
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B.
No. 2482 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAI'I INSTITUTE OF MARINE
BIOLOGY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to extend the lapse date of
the funds provided for the planning, design, and construction of a
modern laboratory and office complex on Coconut Island for the
University of Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the
University of Hawaii System. Comments on the measure were also
submitted by the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Institute of Marine
Biology (HIMB) is a research institute of the School of Ocean and
Earth Science Technology at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.
The HIMB represents a world-renowned research institute situated
on Coconut Island in Kaneohe Bay. Funding to support the
planning, design, and construction of a modern laboratory and
office complex for the HIMB on Coconut Island was provided by the
Legislature pursuant to Act 160, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006.
Unencumbered portions of these funds are scheduled to lapse on
June 30, 2008; however, an extension for using these funds is
necessary. This measure extends the lapsing date for unencumbered
funds appropriated by the Legislature in 2006 for the HIMB to
June 30, 2010. Your Committee believes that continued support for

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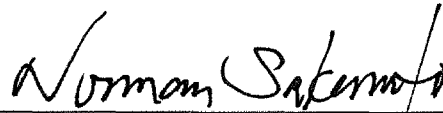


the HIMB is necessary to ensure sustained research opportunities that benefit marine life and ecosystems.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive changes for purposes of clarity.

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 S.B. No. 2482, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2482, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



