

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1016

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 19, 2009

RE: S.B. No. 504  
S.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred S.B. No. 504, S.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the University of Hawaii at Manoa to establish a sustainability internship program as part of the Sustainable Saunders project.

This measure also requires the university to work with the Sustainable Saunders project in identifying alternative methods of funding the program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from four private entities, two coordinators with the Sustainable Saunders initiative at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, two students at the University of Hawaii at Manoa who are interns or members of the Sustainable Saunders initiative at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, two students at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, a recent graduate of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and two concerned individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Sustainable Saunders project is an initiative at the University of Hawaii at Manoa to develop Saunders Hall into a model of energy sustainability for the campus and beyond. Through the leadership of faculty and students, the no cost and low cost energy efficient initiatives of the project


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have already helped reduce the energy use of Saunders Hall by approximately thirty per cent. Your Committee also finds that by providing training and paid work experience in sustainability principles and practices, the program will contribute to an educated, experienced workforce in one of the State's fastest growing economic sectors.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 504, S.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Energy &  
Environmental Protection,



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HERMINA MORITA, Chair



