

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 17 2009

RE: S.C.R. No. 97  
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred  
S.C.R. No. 97 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE UNIVERSITY OF  
HAWAII COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING TO CREATE AN UNDERGRADUATE  
CERTIFICATE OF ROBOTICS AND EXPLORATION PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to encourage the College of  
Engineering of the University of Hawaii to:

- (1) Create an undergraduate certificate program for robotics  
and exploration; and
- (2) Ensure that the certification program is in compliance  
with the University's academic standards and  
accreditation policies; and
- (3) Submit a report on the development of the robotics and  
exploration certificate program to the 2010 Legislature.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by one  
individual. One individual provided testimony in opposition.  
Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on  
the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that, while there is support for the  
intent of this measure, the University has expressed concerns



regarding the creation of a new program when the University faces severe budget reductions over the next two years, if not longer.

Your Committee understands these concerns, but believes that the concept of an undergraduate certificate program for robotics and exploration has merit and would benefit from further review.

Your Committee has amended this measure accordingly, by:

- (1) Amending the title to read: ENCOURAGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING TO CONSIDER THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE OF ROBOTICS AND EXPLORATION PROGRAM;
- (2) Amending the BE IT RESOLVED clauses to reflect this change;
- (3) Requesting an interim report to the 2010 Legislature and a final report to the 2011 Legislature; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purpose of clarity.

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. 97, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 97, S.D. 1.

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

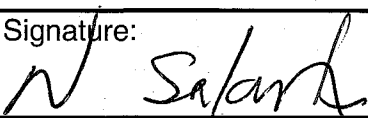


JILL TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

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SCR97	HRE	4/7/09		
<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
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
SAKAMOTO, Norman (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				✓
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	✓			
TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.				✓
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	4	-	-	3
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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