

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **42**

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2009

RE: S.B. No. 504
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.B. No. 504 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
establish a sustainability internship program at the University of
Hawaii at Manoa as part of the Sustainable Saunders project.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by
fourteen individuals. The University of Hawaii submitted
testimony in opposition.

Your Committee finds that the appropriation in this measure
will meet two critical needs at the University:

- (1) It will facilitate the employment of students each
semester and provide them with professional experience
and qualifications for employment in an industry with a
solid growth potential; and
- (2) In turn, these interns will assist the University in
applying no cost to low cost energy modification
recommendations for application at the University of
Hawaii at Manoa, other campuses, and the general
community.



Your Committee understands the fiscal constraints that the University of Hawaii faces in funding the sustainability internship program in this measure. However, your Committee notes that the University saved approximately \$100,000 as a result of the Sustainable Saunders project energy efficient initiatives and expanding the project to Hamilton Library is projected to save \$700,000 annually. Given these significant reductions in costs, which would not have realized without the work of the interns, your Committee believes it would be beneficial for the University administration to consider alternatives to fund the program. At a minimum, the University is strongly urged to consider funding the program through cost savings realized by these energy efficiency projects. In addition, there are a number of capital improvement project initiatives, either before the Legislature or being considered as part of the economic stimulus package, which offer opportunities for the University to realize additional energy savings that could in turn fund the sustainability internship program.

Your Committee has amended this measure to:

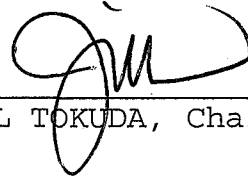
- (1) State clearly that the appropriation is to establish a sustainability internship program at the University of Hawaii at Manoa;
- (2) Authorize the University of Hawaii to fund the program through alternative means, such as cost savings realized as a result of the program or capital improvement projects that utilize energy efficiency initiatives; provided further that if alternative means of funding are used, any unexpended and unencumbered balance of the appropriation shall lapse into the general fund; and
- (3) Require the University to work with the Sustainable Saunders project to identify alternative methods of funding the sustainability internship program, such as through cost savings or other means, and to report to the 2010 Legislature on any additional system-wide savings generated as a result of energy efficiency initiatives and recommendations for funding the sustainability internship program through means other than general fund appropriations.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report,



your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 504, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 504, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

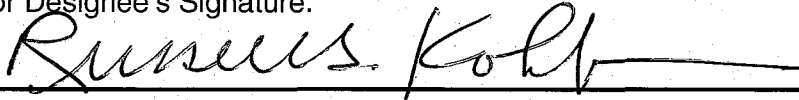


JILL TOKUDA, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB504	Committee Referral: HRE, WAM	Date: 2/3/09		
<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)	X			
SAKAMOTO, Norman (VC)				X
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	X			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	X			
TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X			
SLOM, Sam		X		
TOTAL	5	1		1
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