

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 150

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.R. No. 150 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT HILO TO CONDUCT AN OUTREACH PROGRAM, PERFORM A NEEDS ASSESSMENT, AND ESTABLISH A HIGHER EDUCATION LEARNING CENTER IN THE DISTRICT OF PUNA ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request that steps be taken to establish a higher education learning center in Puna.

The measure requests:

- (1) The University of Hawaii at Hilo to:
 - (A) Work with the United States Pacific Basin Agricultural Research Center in establishing a higher education learning center in Puna;
 - (B) Establish an outreach program; and
 - (C) Perform a needs assessment for the higher education learning center; and
- (2) The Department of Agriculture to support and assist the University of Hawaii at Hilo in establishing a higher education learning center in Puna.



Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from three individuals.

Your Committee finds that rural areas in the State are in need of higher education learning centers to help improve employment and entrepreneurial activities in those areas. Your Committee also finds that the district of Puna on the island of Hawaii is a prime location for establishing a higher education learning center. Such a center could identify educational and training needs in the district, design a business incubator approach to support job growth in the area, and focus on outreach to increase agriculture production and processed products for local markets utilizing emerging engineering programs. Your Committee believes that, if successful, the higher education learning center in Puna could serve as a model for other rural areas in the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 150 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,




DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SR150	Committee Referral: HRE/AGL, WAM	Date: 4-5-13		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.				✓
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	12	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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