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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 45

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

Madam:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
S.R. No. 45 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR TO
ADDRESS THE ISSUES AND CONCERNS RAISED BY THE SENATE SPECIAL
COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF
HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Legislative Auditor to address the issues and concerns raised by
the Senate Special Committee on Accountability relating to
oversight and transparency of University of Hawaii's fiscal and
operational administration.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this
measure from the University of Hawai'i System.

Your Committee finds that the Senate Special Committee on
Accountability raised a number of issues and concerns relating to,
among other things, the oversight and transparency of the
University of Hawaii's fiscal and operational administration,
including the role of the Board of Regents, as well as the
guidelines and procurement exemptions used by the University for
outside legal, consulting, and public relations services.

While your Committee acknowledges that the University of
Hawaii System is attempting to address these concerns through its

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own task group, your Committee believes that these issues are of statewide concern and that an audit of the University of Hawaii System by the Legislative Auditor is necessary. Your Committee notes that the audit is just one of eighteen recommendations made by the Senate Special Committee on Accountability.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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.R. No. 45, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 45, S.D. 1.

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


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



