

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

848

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 1, 2013

RE: H.B. No. 725

H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2013  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 725, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support the development of aviation and aeronautics in the State by appropriating \$350,000 in general revenues for a Program Coordinator and technical support staff member to complete the necessary planning and studies required for an International Flight Training Center and associated proposed aeronautical training programs at Hawaii Community College and the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

The University of Hawaii at Hilo, Department of Transportation, County of Hawaii Office of the Mayor, Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters, State Adjutant General, District 3 Councilmember of the Hawaii County Council, and several concerned individuals supported this measure. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism provided comments.

Your Committee finds that the proposed International Flight Training Center and aeronautical training programs will provide exciting opportunities for those with access. As such, and to increase access for other University of Hawaii System students, your Committee respectfully requests that consideration be given to the inclusion of the University of Hawaii Center in West Hawaii

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and the University of Hawaii, West Oahu in the development and implementation of these programs.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making unspecified the amount of the appropriation; and
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2030, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 725, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 725, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Finance,



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SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



