

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 14, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2324  
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred  
H.B. No. 2324, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL  
SPACE CENTER FOR EXPLORATION SYSTEMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to improve the efficiency and  
administration of the Pacific International Space Center for  
Exploration Systems (PISCES) by:

- (1) Properly placing PISCES within the Department of  
Business, Economic Development and Tourism rather than  
as an agency attached to the Department's Office of  
Aerospace Development; and
- (2) Changing the membership of the Board of Directors of  
PISCES by removing the Executive Director of the Space  
Center and adding the Chancellor of the University of  
Hawaii at Hilo.

The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism;  
University of Hawaii; Pacific International Space Center for  
Exploration Systems; and Hawaii Island Economic Development Board  
supported the measure. Two concerned individuals opposed the  
measure.



Your Committee finds that while this measure removes the PISCES program entirely from the auspices of the University of Hawaii at Hilo, many of the ongoing activities will still involve the University and, as such, its voice on the Board by the Chancellor of the University of Hawaii at Hilo is instrumental in helping to promote synergy and coordination of activities between the two closely aligned entities.

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 H.B. No. 2324, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



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ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



