

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1696-18

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 28 , 2018

RE: H.C.R. No. 125

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.C.R. No. 125 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE FACULTY OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM TO MAKE GREATER USE OF OPEN
EDUCATION RESOURCES AND OTHER LOW-COST OR FREE RESOURCES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to help lower the cost of
books and educational materials for students and increase the
affordability of college for more families by encouraging the
faculty of the University of Hawaii to make greater use of open
education resources and other low-cost or free resources for their
educational needs.

A concerned individual testified in support of this measure.
The University of Hawaii supported the intent of this measure.

Your Committee finds that the University of Hawaii is already
providing options to reduce the cost of educational materials on
an ad hoc basis. Your Committee has chosen to support options
other than only open education resources because open education
resources are proprietary, do not fully reflect the ad hoc efforts
that are already being undertaken by the University of Hawaii, and
are not available for certain professional and graduate programs.

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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 H.C.R. No. 125 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



