

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.C.R. No. 179

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred  
H.C.R. No. 179 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF  
HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AND FUND THE  
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS CENTER AS A VALUABLE LABOR-MANAGEMENT  
RELATIONS RESOURCE FOR THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the  
University of Hawaii Board of Regents to continue to support and  
fund the Industrial Relations Center as a valuable labor-  
management relations resources for the public and private sectors.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the University of Hawai'i System; Department of Labor and  
Industrial Relations; Industrial Relations Center, University of  
Hawai'i at Mānoa; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME  
Local 152, AFL-CIO; United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646,  
AFL-CIO; IBEW Local 1260; and seven individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Industrial Relations Center was  
created by the University of Hawaii Board of Regents in 1948 to  
promote the understanding of labor-management interactions,  
challenges, collective bargaining and mediation techniques, and  
public and private sector policies. Since its creation, the  
Industrial Relations Center has significantly contributed to the  
public and private sectors by successfully training more than one



thousand eight hundred professionals through a series of workshops focused on collective bargaining and grievance arbitration. Your Committee further finds that as the need for the Industrial Relations Center's expertise and resources increases, it is essential to continue to support the Center in its training of public and private sector employees, contributions to the field of industrial relations research, and standing as a world class resource of information to Hawaii's community.

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. 179, and recommends its adoption.

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



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



