

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 27 2019

RE: S.C.R. No. 82  
S.D. 1

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  
S.C.R. No. 82 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE UNIVERSITY OF  
HAWAII JOHN A. BURNS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE TO STUDY THE IMPACT  
AND FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A TEACHING HOSPITAL IN WEST  
HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to encourage the  
University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine to study the  
impact and feasibility of creating a teaching hospital in West  
Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Office of the Mayor of the County of Hawai'i. Your  
Committee received comments on this measure from the University of  
Hawai'i System.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii faces a growing shortage of  
physicians who can provide direct care to patients. Additionally,  
the County of Hawaii has a large and medically underserved rural  
community. Your Committee further finds that a teaching hospital  
on Hawaii island may help to attract and retain a high-quality,  
diverse physician workforce to the State and provide a broader and  
more complete network of care for individuals in the community.  
Therefore, because of the potential benefits of a teaching



hospital on Hawaii island, it is important to investigate the feasibility and impact that establishing a teaching hospital may have on the Hawaii island community and the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language that requests the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine to collaborate with the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to conduct the study on the impact and feasibility of creating a teaching hospital in West Hawaii;
- (2) Amending its title accordingly; and
- (3) 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.C.R. No. 82, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 82, S.D. 1.

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



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:  
 Pass, unamended 2312    
 Pass, with amendments 2311    
 Hold 2310    
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i				/
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>

Recommendation:    
 Adopted    
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: *Michelle N. Kidani*

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