

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 120

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.R. No. 120 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII OFFICE
OF INTERNAL AUDIT TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF VARIOUS PROGRAMS AT
THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII WEST OAHU THAT RECEIVE EXTRAMURAL
FUNDING, INCLUDING TITLE III GRANT FUNDING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
University of Hawaii Office of Internal Audit to conduct an audit
of various programs at the University of Hawaii West Oahu that
receive extramural funding, including Title III grant funding.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the University of Hawai'i System.

Your Committee finds that the University of Hawaii West Oahu
provides various programs to assist incoming and current students.
Many of these programs receive extramural funding, including Title
III grant funding, for the further development of Native Hawaiian
student support services. However, discrepancies in information
provided by the University of Hawaii West Oahu on various programs
were found, from initial documentation on the programs to follow-
up documentation, as well as inconsistencies in the reporting of
extramural funds. Because some of these programs utilize federal
funds, further due diligence is needed to make certain that the



funds are not lost due to mismanagement or abuse. To ensure an accurate accounting of all funds by the University of Hawaii West Oahu, an audit of the various programs at the University that receive extramural funding, including Title III grant funding, would clarify whether funds are being utilized appropriately for the benefit of the students.

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.R. No. 120 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



