

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 442-20

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13 , 2020

RE: H.B. No. 1994
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Lower & Higher Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 1994 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the University of Hawaii Maui College for scholarships in its Office of International and Regional Partnerships to subsidize travel expenses and tuition.

Prior to the hearing on this measure, your Committee posted and made available for public review a proposed H.D. 1, which preserves the content of this measure and additionally establishes and appropriates funds for a Network Improvement Community Task Force to develop a K-12 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) teacher education degree for the University of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one Maui County Council member. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and University of Hawaii Community Colleges.

Your Committee finds that there is a shortage of qualified STEM teachers in the State. The proposed H.D. 1 establishes a



task force that will coordinate with the University of Hawaii to develop a K-12 STEM teacher education program, with the goal of building the capacity for, and eventually establishing, a statewide program to recruit, prepare, and retain K-12 STEM teachers that will work in high-need areas.

Your Committee further finds that the University of Hawaii Maui College's Office of International and Regional Partnerships works continuously to connect students from Maui and abroad through study abroad programs that offer students the opportunity to gain foreign language skills and cross-cultural competence. The proposed H.D. 1 provides funding to the University of Hawaii Maui College's Office of International and Regional Partnerships to continue the Office's work in sending students to participate in study abroad programs.

Your Committee has amended this measure by adopting the proposed H.D. 1 and further amending the measure by:

- (1) Changing the amount appropriated for the study abroad programs offered by the University of Hawaii Maui College's Office of International and Regional Partnerships to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Should your Committee on Finance decide to hear this measure, your Committee respectfully requests that it consider appropriating \$37,500 for the study abroad programs offered by the University of Hawaii Maui College's Office of International and Regional Partnerships.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Lower & Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1994, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1994, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.



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


JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Lower & Higher Education

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1994	Committee Referral: LHE, FIN	Date: 2/7/2020		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
LHE Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)	✓			
2. HASHEM, Mark J. (VC)	✓			
3. QUINLAN, Sean (VC)				✓
4. DeCOITE, Lynn				✓
5. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	✓			
6. KOBAYASHI, Dale T.	✓			
7. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
8. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
9. TARNAS, David A.	✓			
10. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
11. OKIMOTO, Val	✓			
TOTAL (11)	9			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 150px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Mark J. Hasem</i></u>				
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