

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3311

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 22 2022**

RE: H.B. No. 2206  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2022  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred  
H.B. No. 2206, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate  
funds to the University of Hawaii at Manoa and University of  
Hawaii at Hilo for athletics.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the  
Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that, for decades, University of Hawaii  
athletics have captivated Hawaii's people. University of Hawaii  
athletic programs offer teams opportunities to play before  
Hawaii's people and against teams from the continental United  
States and internationally as ambassadors of the State. Student  
athletes playing for University of Hawaii teams also have the  
opportunity to continue competitive play while earning  
postsecondary credentials. However, higher costs that are unique  
to Hawaii, which peer institutions do not have to address, pose  
some challenges to University of Hawaii athletic departments. To  
address the high costs of collegiate athletics, while also  
developing infrastructure and recruitment for future seasons,



funding is needed to continue the University of Hawaii's rich legacy of athletic excellence.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an amount of \$3,600,000 of general funds to be appropriated to program ID University of Hawaii, Manoa (UOH100) for the purposes of the measure provided that the Board of Regents consider certain matters pertaining to athletic coaching contracts and terminations of employment; and
- (2) Inserting an amount of \$400,000 of general funds to be appropriated to program ID University of Hawaii, Hilo (UOH 210) for athletics.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2206, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2206, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



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DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



