

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3644

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2022

RE: S.R. No. 29
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
S.R. No. 29 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII - WEST
OAHU TO REOPEN THEIR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF
HAWAII AT HILO TO PROVIDE A PRE-NURSING PATHWAY FOR
STUDENTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
University of Hawaii - West Oahu to reopen their partnership with
the University of Hawaii at Hilo to provide a pre-nursing pathway
for students.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the
University of Hawai'i System and Hawai'i State Center for Nursing.

Your Committee finds that in the fall of 2015, the University
of Hawaii - West Oahu partnered with the University of Hawaii at
Hilo to launch the Ike Maui Ola program, an innovative new
pathway for students interested in pursuing a career in nursing.
However, the program was canceled in 2017, which limited nursing
pathways for students residing in central and west Oahu. While
students located in central and west Oahu may attend Leeward
Community College for the associate's in nursing degree program,
students who wish to continue their education at the bachelor's
degree level must attend institutions located in urban Honolulu



such as the University of Hawaii at Manoa. The long commute from central and west Oahu to Manoa may inhibit some students from pursuing their educational and professional goals. Additionally, the onset of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic highlighted the State's significant nurse shortage, and more nurses would have likely been trained and available during the COVID-19 pandemic to assist communities in central and west Oahu. As Hawaii continues to recover from the nursing shortage and the COVID-19 pandemic, providing greater access to nursing education may motivate more students residing outside of urban Honolulu to pursue careers in nursing.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language that requests the University of Hawaii - West Oahu to establish a nursing program or seek other partners to develop a nursing program at the West Oahu campus;
- (2) Amending its title; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment 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.R. No. 29, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 29, S.D. 1.

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



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Higher Education
HRE

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SR 29</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HRE</i>	Date: <i>3-29-22</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.				/
WAKAI, Glenn				/
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	<i>3</i>			<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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