

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

**2168**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**APR 17** , 2023

RE: S.C.R. No. 137  
S.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education & Technology, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 137, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA COLLEGE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EVALUATE UPDATING ITS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SITES AND TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE REGARDING ITS WORK,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources to convene a working group to evaluate updating its cooperative extension sites and to submit a report to the Legislature regarding its work.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources and Hawai'i Farm Bureau.

Your Committee finds that modern agricultural research, extension, and education facilities provide the foundation for cutting-edge research and applied science solutions that address climate change, agricultural profitability, food safety, biosecurity, nutrition, and food security. Despite the recognized importance of these facilities and the work they pursue, the

2023-3249 SCR137 SD1 HSCR HMSO



College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources is facing unprecedented infrastructure challenges due to years of underinvestment and deferred maintenance. Your Committee further finds that convening a working group to evaluate updating the college's extension sites will help to identify investments that will in turn spur new economic opportunities and innovations for farmers, ranchers, and producers across the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 137, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
AMY A. PAPPALARDO, Chair



