

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2024RE: S.B. No. 2187
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
S.B. No. 2187 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE LABOR EDUCATION ADVISORY
COUNCIL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Specify that the Labor Education Advisory Council shall be advisory to the President of the University of Hawaii on all activities and programs of the Center for Labor Education and Research; and
- (2) Require written responses addressing the Council's advice and adoption of resolutions by the President and Chancellor of the University of Hawaii, West Oahu campus.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; University of Hawai'i System; Labor Education Advisory Council; United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; Hawaii State Teachers Association; University of Hawaii Professional Assembly; Hawaii State AFL-CIO; Unite Here! Local 5; and two individuals.



Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that Act 202, Session Laws of Hawaii 1976, established the Center for Labor Education and Research ("Center") to provide labor education and support labor organizations across the State. Similarly, the Labor Education and Advisory Council ("Council") was established to represent the trade union movement statewide. As the landscape of the State's labor force and resources has changed since the Center's founding, a working group was convened pursuant to House Resolution No. 142, Regular Session of 2023, to develop a community-driven vision for the Center's programs. The working group recommended amending existing law to expand the advisory capacity of the Council. As an invaluable resource to promote the State's rich labor history, your Committee further finds that additional support for the Center is needed. This measure expands the advisory capacity of the Council to promote greater community participation in labor education, research, and organization.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting language specifying that this measure is a matter of statewide concern.

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 S.B. No. 2187, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2187, 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,



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Second Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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<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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	5			
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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