

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3435**

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2024

RE: S.R. No. 178
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.R. No. 178 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BACCALAUREATE
DEGREE PROGRAM IN EDUCATION WITH AN ONLINE OPTION AT LEEWARD
COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO ADDRESS THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF WORKING
ADULTS IN ALL COUNTIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the
development of a baccalaureate degree program in education with an
online option at Leeward Community College to address the
educational needs of working adults in all counties.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the University of Hawai'i System and one individual.

Your Committee finds that there is a growing demand for
online educational programs to accommodate working adults who
aspire to become teachers. While all counties face unique
challenges in recruiting and retaining qualified educators, there
is a need for more baccalaureate degree programs at the University
of Hawaii Community Colleges to expand access to educational
opportunities statewide and address the ongoing chronic teacher
shortage. Presently, the University of Hawaii Leeward Community
College's accreditation allows the college to offer up to two
applied baccalaureate degree programs. As teacher education



programs at Leeward Community College are already offered statewide through the Internet and include upper division curriculum, expanding access to teacher pathways through new programs can incentivize interested students to enroll. Accordingly, this measure expands access to higher education for prospective teachers while addressing the State's chronic teacher shortage.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments 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. 178, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 178, S.D. 1.

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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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			/
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	4			1

Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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