

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1371

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2023

RE: H.B. No. 67
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Higher Education and Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 67, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PU'UHONUA PROGRAM,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds for the establishment of three full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) positions for the University of Hawaii Windward Community College's Pu'uhonua Program.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Public Safety, University of Hawai'i System, Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board No. 29, Community Alliance on Prisons, Hawai'i Friends of Restorative Justice, Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club, and eleven individuals.

Your Committees find that completing college coursework while incarcerated significantly benefits incarcerated individuals, the carceral environment, and society as a whole. In recognition of these benefits, the University of Hawaii Windward Community College established the Pu'uhonua Program (Program) to offer credit-bearing college coursework and support services to incarcerated individuals. Since the Program's establishment in

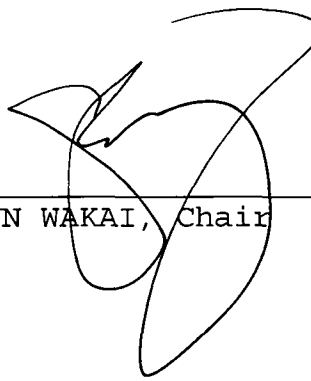


2017, two hundred eighteen students have enrolled in college coursework, collectively earning over one thousand college credits and thirteen certificates. While the Program continues to experience strong engagement from students each year, the nonrenewable federal extramural funding supporting the Program and its staff will expire in 2023. Therefore, this measure appropriates funds for counselor and coordinator positions within the University of Hawaii Windward Community College's Pu'uhonua Program to support the educational development of the State's incarcerated individuals.

Your Committees have amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Higher Education and Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 67, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 67, 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
Committees on Higher Education
and Public Safety and
Intergovernmental and Military
Affairs,



GLENN WAKAI, Chair



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
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Record of Votes
Committee on Higher Education
HRE

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 67 HD1	Committee Referral: HRE/PSM, WAM	Date: 3/22/23		
<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)	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt				/
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes

