

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **531**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 16**, 2023

RE: H.B. No. 877  
H.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 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 877, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for an institute to be located within the William S. Richardson School of Law to be known as the Hookaulike: A Criminal Legal System Institute for Restoration and Healing.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System, Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission, and six individuals.

Your Committee finds that the State must create an inclusive and fair criminal legal system devoted to restoring and healing, particularly addressing the disparate challenges facing Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islander communities, and people of color. Your Committee further finds that Hookaulike, which means to create equity, assumes that people who do not share standards of living that are similar to one another nevertheless are capable of designing and implementing standards of behavior within their communities that allow their members to live in dignity and peace. This institute, housed within the William S. Richardson School of Law, but developed in partnership with the School of Hawaiian

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Knowledge and the Thompson School of Social Work, is envisioned as being an advocate for better social services and a vehicle to deal more personally with marginalized community members.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider a total appropriation amount of \$975,000 for twelve positions and operational funds, as follows:

- (1) \$200,000 for the J-Faculty line;
- (2) \$85,000 for the faculty researcher;
- (3) \$85,000 for the instructional faculty;
- (4) \$85,000 for the faculty specialist;
- (5) \$85,000 for the communications coordinator;
- (6) \$80,000 for the APT - B level budget line;
- (7) \$55,000 for the APT - A clerical;
- (8) \$150,000 for five graduate research assistant positions;  
and
- (9) \$150,000 in operational funds.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 877, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary &  
Hawaiian Affairs,



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DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



