

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2025

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RE: H.B. No. 718

H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred  
H.B. No. 718 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO POSITIONS AT THE JOHN A. BURNS  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the  
University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM)  
for:

- (1) Faculty positions in the fields of cardiovascular  
biology, tropical medicine, and quantitative health  
biostatistics; and
- (2) An environmental health and safety officer staff  
position.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine;  
University of Hawaii Professional Assembly; and Hawai'i Primary  
Care Association.

Your Committee finds that additional faculty positions in  
cardiovascular biology, tropical medicine, and quantitative health  
biostatistics will enable JABSOM to better understand potential

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health disparities across a wide spectrum of conditions and diseases commonly experienced by many in the State who are already at higher risk for disease or who suffer disproportionately.

Your Committee further finds that an environmental health and safety officer is needed at JABSOM's health and wellness medical school buildings to conduct the required testing of injection wells and reporting duties at the buildings once JABSOM's contract with the City and County of Honolulu Board of Water Supply expires on September 15, 2025.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the amount appropriated and number of positions to be funded to unspecified amounts; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$763,000 for JABSOM to fund:

- (1) Three full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) faculty positions: one each in the fields of cardiovascular biology, tropical medicine, and quantitative health biostatistics; and
- (2) One full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) environmental health and safety officer staff position.

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 H.B. No. 718, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 718, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.



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



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ANDREW TAKUYA GARRETT, Chair



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| Bill/Resolution No.:<br><b>HD 718</b>   | Committee Referral:<br><b>HED, FIN</b> | Date:<br><b>02.05.2025</b> |      |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.   |  |                            |      |         |
| The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold<br><input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) |  |                            |      |         |
| HED Members   | Ayes                                   | Ayes (WR)                  | Nays | Excused |
| 1. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya (C)   | ✓                                      |                            |      |         |
| 2. AMATO, Terez (VC)  | ✓                                      |                            |      |         |
| 3. EVSLIN, Luke A.  | ✓                                      |                            |      |         |
| 4. KAPELA, Jeanne   | ✓                                      |                            |      |         |
| 5. KILA, Darius K.  | ✓                                      |                            |      |         |
| 6. LA CHICA, Trish  | ✓                                      |                            |      |         |
| 7. OLDS, Ikaika   | ✓                                      |                            |      |         |
| 8. SAYAMA, Jackson D.   | ✓                                      |                            |      |         |
| 9. WOODSON, Justin H.   | ✓                                      |                            |      |         |
| 10. MURAOKA, Christopher L.   | ✓                                      |                            |      |         |
| 11. SOUZA, Kanani   | ✓                                      |                            |      |         |
| TOTAL (11)  | 11                                     |                            |      |         |
| The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted<br>If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.<br>committee acronym(s)   |  |                            |      |         |
| Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____   |  |                            |      |         |
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