Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 718 H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2025 State of Hawaii

## Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 718, H.D. 1, 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 and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine 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 Hawai'i John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawaii Professional Assembly, Hawaii Primary Care Association, and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that establishing additional faculty positions in the fields of cardiovascular biology, tropical medicine, and quantitative health biostatistics at the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) will advance



JABSOM's mission to teach and train high-quality physicians, biomedical scientists, and allied health workers for the State and Pacific. Additionally, these positions will strengthen JABSOM's biomedical and health disparities translational "bench to bedside" research strategy. Your Committee additionally finds that JABSOM must currently contract a chiller plant-cooling system servicer to ensure that operations and emergency services remain available, therefore the establishment of a health and safety officer position to maintain equipment will allow JABSOM to continue providing emergency services.

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, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

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DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair

## The Senate Thirty-Third Legislature State of Hawai'i

## Record of Votes Committee on Higher Education HRE

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:			Date:		
HB 718 HD 1	HRE, WAM			3/18/2025		
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  If so, then the previous decision was to:						
The Recommendation is:						
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313						
Members		Aye	Aye (W	R) Nay	Excused	
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)						
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)		V				
FUKUNAGA, Carol						
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.						
FEVELLA, Kurt		V				
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TOTAL		4				
Recommendation:  Adopted Not Adopted						
Chair's or Designee's Signature:  Muchille Lulani						
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