

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1577

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 27 , 2025

RE: H.C.R. No. 196
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.C.R. No. 196 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF
HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF
BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMS THAT DIRECTLY ALIGN WITH JOB
OPPORTUNITIES AND INDUSTRY NEEDS WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE
REGION OF SERVICE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the University of
Hawaii Community Colleges to develop a comprehensive list of
Bachelor's degree programs that directly align with job
opportunities and industry needs within their respective region of
service.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the
University of Hawai'i System and University of Hawaii Professional
Assembly.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii's economic vitality
depends on a skilled workforce that meets the needs of key
regional industries. Your Committee further finds that each of
the University of Hawaii Community Colleges play a vital role in
providing accessible, regionally-relevant higher education that
supports local economic development. Your Committee believes that

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the University of Hawaii Community Colleges can best support the economic needs within their respective region of service by developing a comprehensive list of Bachelor's degree programs that directly align with job opportunities and industry needs within their respective region of service.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the University of Hawaii Community Colleges, including the University of Hawaii Maui College, are requested to develop a comprehensive list of Bachelor's degree programs that directly align with job opportunities and industry needs within their respective region of service;
- (2) Directing a certified copy of this measure to the Chancellor of the University of Hawaii Maui College;
- (3) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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 H.C.R. No. 196, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Labor in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 196, H.D. 1.

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


FOR ANDREW TAKUYA GARRETT, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education

Bill/Resolution No.: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">HCR 196</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">HED, LAB</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">03/19/25</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold </div> <div style="margin-top: 5px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit) </div>				
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)	9	—	—	2
The recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div> <div style="margin-top: 5px;"> If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div> </div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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