

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 24 2025

RE: H.C.R. No. 96

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.C.R. No. 96 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE UNIVERSITY OF
HAWAII TO EVALUATE AND EXPAND ITS CURRENT MENTAL HEALTH
SERVICES FOR STUDENTS, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to encourage the
University of Hawaii to evaluate and expand its current mental
health services for students.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from one individual.

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

Your Committee finds that the mental health and well-being of
students is paramount to academic success and the overall campus
climate. Your Committee further finds that the University of
Hawaii plays a critical role in fostering an environment where
students can access comprehensive mental health support. Recent
assessments and feedback indicate an increased demand for mental
health services for students, highlighting the need for additional
qualified mental health professionals on University of Hawaii
campuses. Accordingly, this measure encourages the University of
Hawaii to invest in additional mental health resources to



contribute to improved academic performance, enhanced student retention, and a more supportive educational environment, leading to the development of a resilient future workforce.

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. 96, and recommends its adoption.

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



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



Record of Votes
Committee on Higher Education
HRE

*Only one measure per Record of Votes