

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 27 , 2025

RE: H.R. No. 121
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.R. No. 121 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO
PRIORITIZE A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO CONSTRUCT "HALAU
O KAWAIHUELANI", "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the University of
Hawaii to to prioritize a capital improvement project to construct
"Halau o Kawaihuelani".

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

Your Committee finds that the Kawaihuelani Center and its
sister center, the Kamakakūokalani Center, offer a wide range of
learning opportunities for the Hawaiian language and culture. As
fluency of the Hawaiian language grows, more interest from
students can lead to increased activity, including additional
faculty, at the Kawaihuelani Center and Kamakakūokalani Center.
However, the present locations of the the Kawaihuelani Center and
Kamakakūokalani Center at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, which
is nearly one-half mile from each other, and limited capacity of
each Center to house staff and faculty hinders program
collaboration and curricular innovation. Your Committee believes

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that the construction of the Halau o Kawaihuelani will be able to accommodate both programs and a multitude of services and facilities that will promote the Hawaiian language and culture.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for 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.R. No. 121, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 121, H.D. 1.

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


FOR ANDREW TAKUYA GARRETT, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: HR 121	Committee Referral: HED, FIN	Date: 03/19/25		
<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 <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)	9	-	-	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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