

THE SENATE
KA 'AHA KENEKOA

THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2025

COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 11, 2025
TIME: 3:00 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

HB 442, HD1 (HSCR861) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. Appropriates funds to the UH system for various nursing programs. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HRE, WAM
HB 1169, HD1 (HSCR862) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CONFERENCE CENTER REVOLVING FUND. Establishes the University of Hawaii Conference Center Revolving Fund to facilitate the administration of the revolving fund for conference center programs among various campuses and operating units of the University of Hawaii system. Repeals the Conference Center Revolving Fund, University of Hawaii at Hilo; and the Community College Conference Center Revolving Fund. Lapses all appropriations and encumbrances of the Conference Center Revolving Fund, University of Hawaii at Hilo; and the Community College Conference Center Revolving Fund to the University of Hawaii Conference Center Revolving Fund. Appropriates funds out of the University of Hawaii Conference Center Revolving Fund. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HRE, WAM
HB 1185, HD2 (HSCR876) Status & Testimony	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes a Plant-based Building Materials Working Group to study and report on how best to grow plants and develop plant-based building materials in Hawaii. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	HRE, WAM

<p>HB 1320, HD1 (HSCR919) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO EDUCATION. Requires the University of Hawaii system to collect, analyze, and publicly report certain graduate outcome data. Requires and appropriates funds for the development and maintenance of a graduate outcomes dashboard. Appropriates funds for positions within the University of Hawaii's Office of the Vice President of Academic Strategy. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HRE, WAM</p>
<p>HB 1171, HD2 (HSCR1029) Status & Testimony</p>	<p>RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII RELIEF FUNDING. Allows the Board of Regents to use funds in the University of Hawaii Tuition and Fees Special Fund for student aid in direct response to an emergency or disaster, as declared by the Governor. Requires a report. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>HRE, WAM</p>

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Senator Donna Mercado Kim
Chair