

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 457

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
S.B. No. 457 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PUNA DISTANCE LEARNING
CENTER, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Appropriate funds for a post-secondary distance learning center in the Puna district within Hawaii Community College; and
- (2) Require the University of Hawaii to submit a report on the Puna distance learning center to the Legislature.

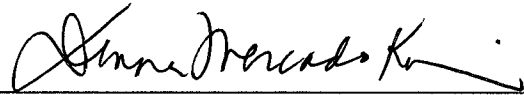
Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Mayor of the County of Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that a critical need exists to strengthen rural outreach, education, and economic development in Puna, one of the most underserved areas in the State and the fastest growing district on the island of Hawaii. Your Committee further finds that distance learning opportunities through the University of Hawaii System are currently providing valuable benefits to students throughout Hawaii, and distance learning has the potential to provide immeasurable benefits to residents in Puna.



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 S.B. No. 457 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,



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Higher Education
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 457	Committee Referral: HRE, WAM	Date: 1/31/19		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i	/			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt				/
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes