

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1149

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 25 2021

RE: H.B. No. 1069
H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
H.B. No. 1069, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII CANCER RESEARCH
SPECIAL FUND,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to decrease the
frequency of University of Hawaii's (University) reporting on the
Hawaii Cancer Research Special Fund account to the Legislature
from a semi-annual to annual basis.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the University of Hawaii Cancer Center (UHCC).

Your Committee finds that section 304A-2168(d), Hawaii
Revised Statutes, requires the University to report to the
Legislature on the monies in the Hawaii Cancer Research Special
Fund on a semi-annual basis. The reporting requirement was
established in Act 28, Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, with the
intent to promote transparency in the financial accounting
relating to the special fund; assist the UHCC in providing better
cancer care to improve the health and well-being of the people of
Hawaii; help the Legislature ensure that the UHCC is making
progress in meeting its recruitment and expansion goals; assure
the commitment of funds in the special fund; and prevent the use
of monies in the special fund for non-compliant purposes. Over



the past three years, the UHCC has been improving its finances. Your Committee believes that this measure, which brings the Hawaii Cancer Research Special Fund's reporting requirement to a frequency that is on a par with other non-general funds, will reduce the University's administrative burden while continuing to maintain the Legislature's oversight over the special fund.

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 H.B. No. 1069, H.D. 1, 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



