

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

505

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 2017

RE: S.B. No. 826  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred  
S.B. No. 826 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 appropriate  
funds for a distance learning center in the Puna district within  
the University of Hawaii at Hilo to provide greater access to  
secondary education in the Puna district.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the University of Hawai'i System; Pele Lani Farm LLC; We Are  
One, Inc.; Pele Lani Agricultural and Holistic Center; and seven  
individuals.

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.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Inserting blank appropriation amounts; and
- (2) Inserting an effective date of May 12, 2059, to encourage further discussion.

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. 826, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 826, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



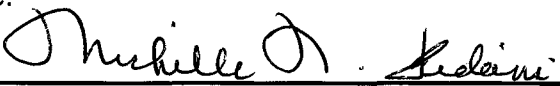
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KAIULANI KAHELE, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Higher Education**  
**HRE**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 826	HRE, WAM	2/14/17		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KAHELE, Kaiali'i (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			/
ESPERO, Will				/
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	/			/
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				/
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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