

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 416

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19 2021

RE: S.B. No. 1024

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
S.B. No. 1024 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to create a
Cannabinoid Medicine Program within the University of Hawaii to be
administered by the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of
Medicine (JABSOM).

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in
opposition to this measure from JABSOM.

Your Committee finds that there are over thirty thousand
people registered as medical cannabis patients in Hawaii, creating
a need for expertise in the field of cannabinoid medicine to
facilitate the exchange of education and research information
related to the state-authorized use of cannabis for medical
purposes in Hawaii. This measure will satisfy this need by
creating a Cannabinoid Medicine Program within the University of
Hawaii to be administered by JABSOM.

Your Committee notes the testimony from JABSOM stating that
the new program is unnecessary as it would be duplicative of
JABSOM's existing faculty with expertise in substance abuse, which
includes substances such as marijuana, tetrahydrocannabinol, and



cannabinols; curriculum on substance use, chronic pain management, management of side effects of chemotherapy, and medical cannabis; and residency and fellowships programs, such as the fellowships on Addiction Psychiatry and Addiction Medicine. However, your Committee also acknowledges other testimony that distinguishes the existing programs at JABSOM from the Cannabinoid Medicine Program that will be created under this measure. Specifically, the existing programs at JABSOM are a part of the school's substance abuse and addictive psychiatry programs, whereas the new program will focus more on research and education related to the authorized use of cannabis for medical purposes and will include a certified cannabinoid medicine specialist as part of its faculty.

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. 1024 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
 Thirty-First Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	5	0	0	0

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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