

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3903

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 19 2024

RE: H.C.R. No. 205

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
H.C.R. No. 205 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
TO ADOPT AND PUBLICIZE A STATEWIDE EQUITY STATEMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the
University of Hawaii to adopt and publicize a statewide equity
statement.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the University of Hawai'i System.

Your Committee finds that college and university-based
diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives provide critical
support to their respective student populations. However,
diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives have faced scrutiny
and attacks in recent years, threatening academic freedom and
undermining future student success. Your Committee further finds
that the University of Hawaii has made substantial contributions
to the work of diversity, equity, and inclusion at all ten
campuses in the University of Hawaii System, creating
opportunities for historically underrepresented populations in
higher education, including Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders,
Filipinos, first-generation college students, and Pell Grant
recipients. Therefore, this measure urges the adoption and



publication of a statewide equity statement to affirm support and demonstrate the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 205, and recommends its adoption.

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



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second 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)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5			

Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: *Michelle N. Kidani*

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