

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2180  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2006  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred  
H.B. No. 2180, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to establish two new programs  
within the University of Hawaii community college system.

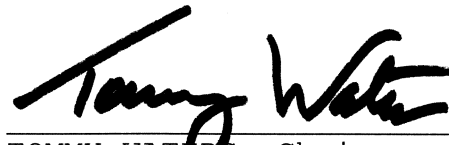
The bill establishes the Rapid Response Development and  
Training Program and a Construction Academy, and appropriates  
funds for their establishment. Specifically, the Rapid Response  
Development and Training Program will assist unemployed and  
underemployed persons who cannot reasonably be expected to obtain  
suitable full-time employment without the benefit of training.  
The Construction Academy, on the other hand, will be a public and  
private sector partnership whose goal is to increase the number of  
high school graduates entering construction careers, by teaching  
multiple disciplines in a small learning community environment.

The University of Hawaii submitted testimony in support of  
the measure, recommending that certain language in the bill be  
revised and noting that they would be willing to work with the  
Committee in making the revisions. Testimony in support of this  
measure was also received from the County of Kauai, the Hawaii  
Business Roundtable, the Associated Builders and Contractors,  
Inc., and the Pacific Resource Partnership.



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. 2180, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

  
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TOMMY WATERS, Chair



