

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 3163
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. 3163 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE WAIKIKI AQUARIUM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the
general operating budget and repair, maintenance, and capital
improvement programs for the Waikiki Aquarium.

The University of Hawaii Director of the Waikiki Aquarium,
the Director of Education at the Waikiki Aquarium, the Waikiki
Aquarium Curator, aquarium biologists, aquarists, a school program
coordinator, a graduate student, and concerned citizens testified
in support of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

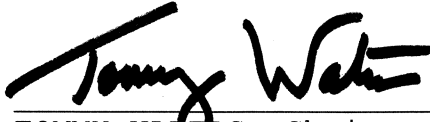
- (1) Removing the request for specific amounts for general
operating expenses, as the funding for these expenses
were appropriated last year.
- (2) Changing the specific amounts appropriated for
construction and renovation projects, including the two
story research building capital improvement project to
an unspecified amount, as your Committee feels the
Committee on Finance is better able to address fiscal
issues;



- (3) Changing the expending agency from the Waikiki Aquarium to the University of Hawaii to reflect the appropriate expending agency; and
- (4) By making technical nonsubstantive changes for purposes of style and clarity.

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. 3163, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 3163, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



TOMMY WATERS, Chair



