

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 629-06

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 17, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 3173
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. 3173 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE UNIVERSITY
OF HAWAII AT HILO,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to help increase employment
opportunities for students and alumni of the University of Hawaii
at Hilo (UHH) by appropriating funds for workforce development.

UHH supported the intent of this bill.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding the provisions of H.B. 3174 making an appropriation to the UHH College of Pharmacy in response to a shortage of licensed pharmacists throughout the mainland and Hawaii. UHH supported this bill as long as it does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the Board of Regents Approved Executive Supplemental Budget (Budget). Testimony in support was also received from the Director of Clinical Pharmacy Training Grant-HRSA/DOE, and the College of Hawaiian Language at UHH;
- (2) Adding the provisions of H.B. 3176 appropriating funds to the UHH Native Hawaiian Initiative to provide

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opportunities and access for native Hawaiians and to address a declining trend in native Hawaiian student enrollment at UHH. UHH supported this bill as long as it does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the Budget;

- (3) Adding the provisions of H.B. 3177 making an appropriation for the UHH North Hawaii Education Research Center. UHH supported this bill as long as it does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the Budget;
- (4) Supporting the Entrepreneurship Training and Technology Management program in the College of Business and Economics which provides training in the management of small enterprises and business startups enabling graduates to establish small businesses on the Big Island;
- (5) Adding provisions of H.B. 3169 appropriating funds to the UHH Small Business Development Center which provides quality and effective programs to eligible individuals to increase entrepreneurial knowledge and skills by providing consulting, training, and other services to the general public. The Hawaii Small Business Development Center Network testified in support of this bill with the recommendation that Section 3 of this measure be amended to bring it into alignment with the Small Business Development Center Program as defined in federal law regulations (15 USC 648(a) Section 21 and 13 CFR 130) by deleting the words following the semi-colon beginning on line 16 and ending on line 18 of the bill. The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism supported this bill as long as it does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the Budget;
- (6) Providing support for the College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Natural Resource Management to enable it to continue to grow and enhance the opportunities for students to understand agricultural sciences, providing jobs in rural areas of the Big Island, and ensuring the protection of the natural resources the Big Island is known for;

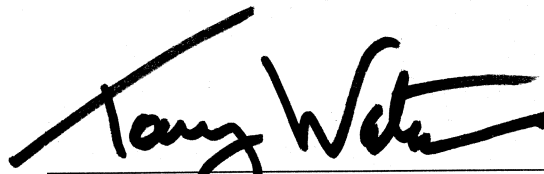


- (7) Adding the provisions of H.B. 3170 appropriating funds to bring UHH in compliance with Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. UHH supported this bill as long as it does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the Budget;
- (8) Providing funding to support and strengthen UHH programs for our future teachers;
- (9) Appropriating funds for UHH to address the statewide shortage of nurses enabling UHH to:
 - (A) Increase recruitment and class sizes by increasing faculty and program support; and
 - (B) Address the faculty shortage with salary adjustments to achieve parity with the market for nurses in hospitals and faculty in private universities;
- (10) Adding the provisions of H.B. 3172 appropriating funds to the UHH Student Services to improve the quality of student services offered during the period of unprecedented growth in which student enrollment levels have increased 25 percent from 1997 to 2003, while staffing levels in the office of student affairs have remained constant. UHH supported this bill as long as it does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the Budget and Student Volunteers from the UHH Student Affairs office;
- (11) Adding the provisions of H.B. 3171 appropriating funds to meet the projected increases in utility costs, coupled with increases in the amount of space being occupied to maintain current utility usage levels at the projected future costs next year for its day-to-day business operations. UHH supported this bill as long as it does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the Budget;
- (12) Eliminating the specific amounts and allocation of appropriations; and
- (13) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for consistency, clarity, and style.



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. 3173, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 3173, 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



