

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 24, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 3121
S.D. 2
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
S.B. No. 3121, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to establish a Hawaii State
Scholars Program within the University of Hawaii for qualified
students enrolled at any campus of the University of Hawaii who
have achieved an exceptionally high level of academic performance.

The University of Hawaii (UH), Director of University
Connections at UH, and American Society of Civil Engineers
supported this bill. The Department of Transportation (DOT)
supported the intent of this measure. The William S. Richardson
Loan Repayment Assistance Program Committee and numerous students
of the William S. Richardson School of Law supported this bill
with amendments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by adding provisions
from:

- (1) H.B. No. 3196, establishing the Eminent Scholars Program
as recommended by UH;



- (2) H.B. No. 2433, establishing a Civil Engineering Scholarship Program as recommended by DOT and the American Society of Civil Engineers; and
- (3) H.B. No. 1002, H.D. 2, establishing a Loan Repayment Assistance Program for public interest attorneys as recommended by law students at the UH Richardson School of Law.

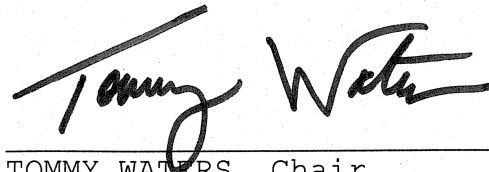
Your Committee also provided funding for assistance programs established in this bill including:

- (1) \$100,000 for the Civil Engineering Scholarship Program;
- (2) \$5,000,000 for the Eminent Scholars Program; and
- (3) \$200,000 for the Loan Repayment Assistance Program for public interest attorneys.

Technical, nonsubstantive changes were also made for clarity, consistency, 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 S.B. No. 3121, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3121, S.D. 2, 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



