

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 , 2006

RE: S.B. No. 3124

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
S.B. No. 3124 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend the law on the
University of Hawaii (UH) Board of Regents (Board) to:

- (1) Change Board membership by increasing the number of
Board members from 12 to 15;
- (2) Require a specified number of Board members to represent
each county; and
- (3) Establish that Board members shall serve no more than
two consecutive five-year terms.

Your Committee finds that this measure would increase the
geographic representation of members of the Board from specific
counties. Under current law, the provision for representation
from geographic areas has caused an imbalance in representation.
Furthermore, current law provides for representation from a
particular party, which may not necessarily be advantageous to
obtain balanced viewpoints.

Your Committee further finds that limiting the term of
service on the Board to two consecutive five-year terms would
allow for an infusion of new members to reinvigorate the Board.



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. 3124 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



CLAYTON HEE, Chair



