

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 176

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 8, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 671
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
H.B. No. 671 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY
OF HAWAII FOR PROGRAMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to encourage disadvantaged
students to enter the healthcare profession and the fields of
science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and ultimately
strengthen the workforce by appropriating funds for:

- (1) The Graduate Professional Access Program; and
- (2) The Health Careers Opportunity Program.

The Big Island Filipino Community Council, Filipino Coalition
for Solidarity, Asian American Network for Cancer Awareness,
Research and Training, United Filipino Community Council, Oahu
Filipino Community Council, and numerous concerned individuals
testified in support of this bill. The University of Hawaii
supported the intent of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation amounts to \$1 to encourage
further discussion; and

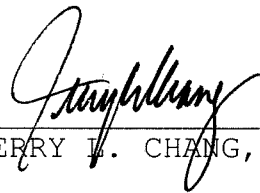
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- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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 H.B. No. 671, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 671, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



JERRY W. CHANG, Chair



