

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1156
S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1156, S.D. 1, 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 extend the lapsing date of the appropriation made to the B plus scholarship program.

The measure also changes the program's eligibility criteria to include "a rigorous high school curriculum".

The Filipino Coalition for Solidarity, National Federation of Filipino American Associations Region 12, Nursing Advocates and Mentors, Inc., Philippine Nurses Association, United Filipino Council of Hawaii, University of Hawaii, and two individuals submitted comments in support. The Department of Education submitted comments.

Your Committee finds that the State's investment in higher education will help to reduce poverty and crime and increase social responsibility.

Your Committee further finds that making higher education affordable and accessible to qualified students ensures a competent and diverse workforce with the critical thinking skills necessary to keep Hawaii competitive in the global market.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

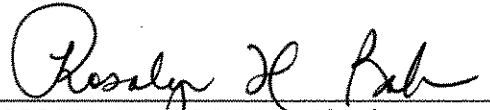
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- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount; and
- (2) Inserting language to ensure that the appropriations do not lapse until June 30, 2008, and June 30, 2009, respectively.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1156, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1156, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,



ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



