

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 30 2007

RE: S.C.R. No. 66
S.D. 1

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

Madam:

Your Committees on Education and Transportation and
International Affairs, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 66
entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF REGENTS
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO CHARGE RESIDENT TUITION TO
PACIFIC ISLAND STUDENTS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to make post-secondary
education more accessible by requesting the Board of Regents of
the University of Hawaii to charge resident tuition to all Pacific
Island students, including those from islands that support degree-
granting public institutions of higher education.

Testimony in opposition of this measure was submitted by the
University of Hawaii.

Your Committees find that until recently, students from
Pacific Islands that have historical ties to the United States
benefited from being charged resident tuition. However, the
policy was changed and now requires students from Pacific Islands
that have historical ties to the United States and do not have
their own degree-granting public higher education institution to
pay non-resident tuition in the amount of one hundred fifty per
cent of the resident tuition amount. Your Committees further find
that although these affected students are paying a reduced non-
resident tuition rate, many come from lower-income families or
communities whose per capita incomes do not equal to their

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American counterparts who must also pay non-resident tuition rates.

Your Committees believe that because these Pacific Islander students do not significantly impact the revenues of the University of Hawaii, and due to the long-standing relationship between Hawaii and these island jurisdictions, the University of Hawaii should reinstitute its policy of allowing these students to pay resident tuition rates; provided that the rate is offered on a needs-based basis. This change will facilitate a greater number of Pacific Islander students receiving post-secondary education, improve ties between the jurisdictions, and develop highly-educated and highly qualified individuals for the workforce in Hawaii and throughout the Pacific.

Accordingly, your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its language to accurately reflect the current tuition rates charged to Pacific Island students, based upon testimony provided by the University of Hawaii; and
- (2) Requesting the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii to charge resident tuition to Pacific Island students; provided that the rate is offered on a needs-based basis and changing the language of the measure, including its title, to reflect this request.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Transportation and International Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 66, as amended herein, and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 66, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Education and
Transportation and
International Affairs,



J. KALANI ENGLISH, Chair



NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



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Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAKAMOTO, Norman (C)	X			
TOKUDA, Jill N. (VC)	X			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	X			
HEE, Clayton				X
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				X
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				X
GABBARD, Mike	X			
TOTAL	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>
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Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Jill N. Tokuda</i>				
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ENGLISH, J. Kalani (C)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
HOOSER, Gary L.				✓
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				✓
TSUTSUI, Shan S.				✓
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
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