

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 2, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 1528
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. 1528 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 encourage Hawaii residents to
pursue post secondary education by:

- (1) Increasing the amount of funds appropriated for the B Plus Scholarship Program (Program); and
- (2) Changing the Program's eligibility criteria.

The University of Hawaii at Manoa (UH-Manoa) College of Education, UH-Manoa GEAR UP, GEAR UP Hawaii, United Filipino Community Council, Oahu Filipino Community Council, Filipino Coalition for Solidarity, Hawaii Women Work!, and several 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;
- (2) Specifying that Hawaii residents who pledge, via an early intervention program, to meet the requirements for

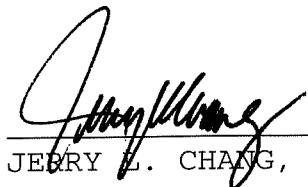


the B Plus Scholarship (Scholarship), shall receive priority for the Scholarship; and

- (3) 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. 1528, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1528, 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 L. CHANG, Chair



