

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **69**

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 6, 2007

RE: H.B. No. 63
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 Committees on Higher Education and Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 63 entitled:

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

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to promote student interest and improve achievement in the fields of science, mathematics, and technology by appropriating funds for the establishment of a full-time robotics education coordinator and part-time equivalent robotics specialists to coordinate robotics education among the University of Hawaii (UH), Department of Education (DOE), and other agencies and organizations in the state.

UH College of Engineering and a few concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. DOE and the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism supported the intent of this measure.

Your Committees note that DOE respectfully requests one of the positions be placed under DOE to focus on robotics education in the public schools.

Your Committees have 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 records of votes of the members of your Committees on Higher Education and Education that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 63, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 63, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Higher Education
and Education,



ROY TAKUMI, Chair



JERRY L. CHANG, Chair



