

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2700

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 2700 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for mental health and campus security services within the University of Hawaii System.

Testimony in support of the measure was submitted by the University of Hawaii System.

Your Committee finds that in the wake of the tragic events that occurred at Virginia Polytechnic and State University in April, 2007, careful consideration must be given to ensuring the safety of and provision of adequate mental health services for students in the University of Hawaii System. While the academic services and support of our students is a major priority of the University of Hawaii, the provision of emotional and psychological support for the growing number of students suffering from psychological or mental conditions is a necessary component for providing a quality education and producing stable, contributing members of our communities. This measure appropriates funds to campuses throughout the University of Hawaii System for additional mental health services professionals and staff and prophylactic measures and support services for campus safety. Your Committee believes that this appropriation is an important step towards protecting and caring for our students and residents.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2700 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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



NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



