

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.C.R. No. 75

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.C.R.
No. 75 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF
HAWAII TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF REMOVING
ENROLLMENT CAPS AT CAMPUSES WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
SYSTEM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the University of
Hawaii System to conduct a study on the feasibility and potential
benefits of allowing individual campuses to set appropriate levels
of nonresident students or, alternatively, to investigate lifting
the existing caps altogether.

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

Your Committee finds that under the University of Hawaii
system, enrollment caps on nonresident students are currently set
at thirty per cent at the baccalaureate campuses and fifteen per
cent at the community colleges. Although the University of Hawaii
is a public university system that endeavors to serve students
from Hawaii as its first and highest priority, these caps may be
too restrictive or even unnecessary and not in the best interest
of the system and its students. Many smaller states enjoy
nonresident enrollment rates over fifty per cent through which
increased tuition, fees, and room and board charges incurred by
nonresident students can contribute significantly to revenues of
the State. This measure requests the University of Hawaii System

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to examine the feasibility and potential benefits of eliminating or allowing individual campuses to set appropriate levels for nonresident student caps. Your Committee determines that this study will be helpful in allowing the campuses, and the system as a whole, to recognize the diversity and flexibility of the individual campuses and develop policies that are tailored to the objectives and capacities of each campus.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 75 and recommends its adoption.

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



NORMAN SAKAMOTO, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR 75	Committee Referral: EDU	Date: 3/14/08		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAKAMOTO, Norman (C)	X			
TOKUDA, Jill N. (VC)	X			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	X			
GABBARD, Mike	X			
HEE, Clayton	X			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				X
SLOM, Sam	X			
TOTAL	7	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes