

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 228

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 13, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 908
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred
H.B. No. 908 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to encourage more Hawaiian and
native Hawaiian individuals to pursue higher education goals by
requiring the University of Hawaii (UH) to grant tuition waivers
to each student enrolled in the UH System who is Hawaiian or
native Hawaiian.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs and several concerned
individuals supported this bill. UH supported the intent of this
measure. A concerned individual opposed this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Allowing students to prove that they are Hawaiian or
native Hawaiian through their birth certificates,
instead of an OHA Hawaiian registry enrollment card; and
- (2) Requiring that a student also demonstrate financial need
to obtain a tuition waiver.



Technical, nonsubstantive amendments were also made for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 908, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 908, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,



MELE CARROLL, Chair



