

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1386

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 17 2009

RE: S.C.R. No. 155

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred  
S.C.R. No. 155 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HAWAII'S CONTINUED  
PARTICIPATION IN THE WESTERN INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR HIGHER  
EDUCATION (WICHE) AND THE EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER BENEFITS  
PROVIDED THROUGH FORTY YEARS OF HAWAII'S MEMBERSHIP IN  
WICHE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Support Hawaii's continued participation in the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) and the educational and other benefits provided through forty years of Hawaii's membership in WICHE; and
- (2) Encourage the University of Hawaii System to find additional ways to participate in WICHE activities and collaborate with the other members of WICHE.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that participation in WICHE provides access to educational alternatives that would otherwise be difficult or impossible for Hawaii students to pursue. In addition to a successful professional student exchange program

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that assists Hawaii students in obtaining professional degrees in programs unavailable in Hawaii, WICHE has developed and supported both undergraduate and graduate exchange programs with little cost to the State other than its membership dues.

Your Committee also understands that last year the Community Colleges agreed to participate in the exchange programs, which will add educational opportunities for many more students. This is particularly important given the difficult economic situation, and your Committee commends WICHE and its dedicated staff of professionals in their efforts to improve access to higher education and to develop a successful, educated workforce.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 155 and recommends its adoption.

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



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JILL TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312     Pass, with amendments 2311     Hold 2310     Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
SAKAMOTO, Norman (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.				✓
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	✓			
TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.				✓
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	4	-	-	3

Recommendation:  Adopted     Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: *N Sabornie*

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