

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1061

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 23, 2011

RE: S.B. No. 243
S.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
S.B. No. 243, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE WESTERN INTERSTATE
COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to help improve the return rates of Hawaii residents who receive state support to study in certain professional programs that are not provided in the State through the University of Hawaii system by providing the Hawaii Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) with the authority to establish a repayment policy for students who receive support through the WICHE Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP). This bill also more clearly delineates the Hawaii WICHE, and establishes a special fund to facilitate the repayment program.

The WICHE Commissioners supported the intent of this bill. The Department of Budget and Finance provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 243, S.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



SCOTT NISHIMOTO, Chair



