

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 7, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2706

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred
H.B. No. 2706 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for three permanent faculty positions and operating expenses for the Ho'okulaiwi: 'Aha Ho'ona'auao 'Oiwi Center for Native Hawaiian and Indigenous Education within the College of Education of the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

The University of Hawai'i College of Education, the Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands Assembly, the Nanakuli Hawaiian Homestead Community Association, Sovereign Moku-puni O Oahu, the Waianae Kai Homestead Association, and many concerned individuals supported the measure. Three concerned individuals supported the intent of the measure. The Department of Education supported the measure with amendments. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs offered comments on the measure.


Your Committee respectfully notes that while many Native Hawaiian education experts expressed support for the measure, some experts wished to see funding and support for all programs that serve native Hawaiians in the College of Education and to not limit funding only to the Ho'okulaiwi program. These experts proposed that the funding be directed to the College of Education so it can be distributed to all Hawaiian education initiatives,



including Ho'okulaiwi. These experts find that to truly service students, the experts need to be able to recruit students into the multitude of programs in the College of Education that fit the students' needs and not force them into one particular program that may restrict their opportunities. Your Committee finds that these concerns merit acknowledgement as this measure progresses through the legislative process.

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. 2706 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

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



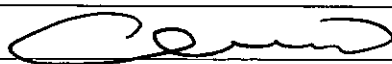
FAYE HANOANO, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2706	Committee Referral: HAW, HED, FIN	Date: 2/1/12		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HAW Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HANOHANO, Faye P. (C)	✓			
2. LEE, Chris (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
4. JORDAN, Jo				✓
5. MIZUNO, John M.	✓			
6. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
7. WOOLEY, Jessica	✓			
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
9. PINE, Kymberly Marcos	✓			
10. WARD, Gene	✓			
TOTAL (10)	9			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt; font-family: cursive;">  </div>				
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