

Honolulu, Hawaii  
February 5, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 1491  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred  
H.B. No. 1491 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BUDGET,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure greater fiscal  
transparency by repealing the University of Hawaii's program  
execution exemptions, thereby requiring:

- (1) The University's budget operations plan to be subject to  
review and modification by the Department of Budget and  
Finance; and
- (2) The University to receive legislative authorization  
prior to any appropriation transfers or changes between  
programs or agencies.

A concerned individual supported this measure. The  
University of Hawaii and Department of Budget and Finance provided  
comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

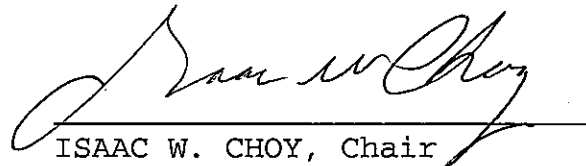
- (1) Adding provisions to explain the purpose of the measure;



- (2) Reinstating provisions that restrict the Department of Budget and Finance's oversight of the University of Hawaii's operations plan to a review only for consistency with specified conditions;
- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2525, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for consistency.

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 H.B. No. 1491, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1491, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

  
ISAAC W. CHOY, Chair



