

Honolulu, Hawaii
April 2, 2014

RE: H.R. No. 7
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 Judiciary, to which was referred H.R. No. 7
entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO
AFFIRM ITS COMMITMENT TO UPHOLDING THE TENETS OF TITLE IX AND
THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT 2013 AND THE UNIVERSITY OF
HAWAII'S DEDICATION TO ENDING ALL FORMS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE ON
HAWAII CAMPUSES THROUGH A REPORT ON THE STATUS OF TITLE IX
AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT 2013 POLICIES, PROCEDURES,
STAFFING, AND STATISTICS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote the goals of Title
IX and the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013
(VAWA) by requesting the University of Hawaii to take steps to
address and prevent sex discrimination and violence against women
and girls.

Specifically, the measure requests the University of Hawaii
to:

- (1) Affirm its commitment to following the tenets of Title
IX and VAWA and to the prevention of all forms of
violence against women and girls;
- (2) Ensure that the University is committed to increasing
resources and strengthening the institutional
infrastructure of all its campuses with respect to



addressing and preventing sexual violence and other forms of gender violence and discrimination;

- (3) Meet the mandates of Title IX, including publicizing a notice of nondiscrimination on the basis of sex; designating an employee to coordinate, compliance with Title IX; adopting appropriate complaint and investigation procedures; implementing educational and victim-resource programs; and providing various forms of training;
- (4) Formulate plans to address and prevent gender discrimination and gender violence, disseminate information about revisions to its policies and procedures, and develop best practices for responding to victims;
- (5) Conduct a study on the prevalence of sexual violence at all University campuses and disseminate copies of the study, as appropriate;
- (6) Identify crucial stakeholders and offices to handle complaints of sex-based violence, harassment, and discrimination, and develop streamlined policies and procedures to assist complainants and timely responses from the University; and
- (7) Submit a report of its guidelines and the status of its Title IX and VAWA policies, procedures, staffing, and statistics, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2015.

The Hawaii Civil Rights Commission; YWCA of Oahu; Planned Parenthood of Hawaii; Women's Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii; Hawaii Women's Coalition; Sex Abuse Treatment Center; and a concerned individual supported the measure. The University of Hawaii provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding the condition that the University of Hawaii consult with its student governing bodies, faculty governing bodies, and the unions representing its workers when taking the actions requested by the resolution;



- (2) Making illustrative, rather than exhaustive, the list of fields of study where women and girls may experience stereotypes, discrimination, and barriers; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 7, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 7, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,

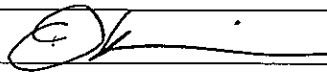
Karl Rhoads

KARL RHOADS, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-seventh Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Judiciary

Bill/Resolution No.: HR 7	Committee Referral: HED, JUD	Date: 04/01/04		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" 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)				
JUD Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. RHOADS, Karl (C)	/			
2. HAR, Sharon E. (VC)				/
3. BELATTI, Della Au				/
4. BROWER, Tom				/
5. CREAGAN, Richard	/			
6. ITO, Ken				/
7. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.	/			
8. LEE, Chris	/			
9. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	/			
10. TSUJI, Clift	/			
11. WOOLEY, Jessica	/			
12. MCDERMOTT, Bob	/			
13. THIELEN, Cynthia	/			
TOTAL (13)	9			4
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ 				
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