

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2281

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2287

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
S.B. No. 2287 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Repeal the requirement that a private college or university show that it maintains profitability as a means of demonstrating financial integrity to the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs at the time of its application for authorization; and
- (2) Repeal section 304A-3153, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to procedures for complaints to the University of Hawaii concerning institutions of higher learning in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and the University of Hawai'i System.

Your Committee finds that the Legislature passed Act 180, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, identifying the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs as the state entity that would perform the regulatory functions of authorizing post-secondary institutions and handling complaints against such institutions. This measure will add greater clarity to what is required of private colleges and universities with regard to demonstrating



financial integrity when applying for authorization and will minimize redundancy in the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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. 2287 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

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


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



