

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 21, 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2906
S.D. 2
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
S.B. No. 2906, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure, as received by your Committee,
is to help make higher education more accessible to students by
appropriating funds to the University of Hawaii for student-
employee wages at new or expanded worksites at each campus of the
University.

Prior to the public hearing, a Proposed House Draft 1 was
circulated and made available to the public for the purpose of
receiving testimony. The Proposed House Draft 1 retains the
provisions of the measure as received by your Committee and adds
new provisions to:

- (1) Promote greater fiscal accountability by the University
of Hawaii by repealing the Board of Regents' independent
authority over construction, operations, maintenance,
and financing for University facilities, including its
authority to issue revenue bonds;
- (2) Ensure increased fiscal transparency for the University
of Hawaii by subjecting the University to the same
budget and operational oversight by the Department of



Budget and Finance and the Legislature applicable to other state agencies; and

- (3) Increase legislative oversight of the University's disposition of public land by requiring legislative approval for conveyance of fee-simple interests in land acquired for the University of Hawaii at West Oahu campus.

The University of Hawaii Student Caucus and numerous concerned individuals supported the bill. The University of Hawaii provided comments.

Your Committee has amended the bill by:

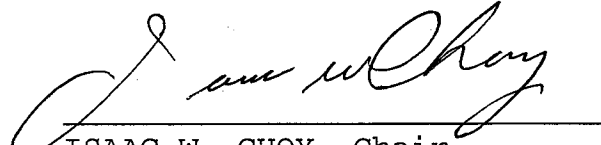
- (1) Adopting the Proposed House Draft 1;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2525, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee recognizes that fiscal determinations are within the purview of your Committee on Finance. Therefore, your Committee respectfully requests that, if your Committee on Finance chooses to advance this bill, an appropriation of \$100,000 be inserted to fund students employed at new or expanded worksites at each University of Hawaii campus.

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. 2906, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2906, S.D. 2, 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



