

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3131

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2016

RE: H.B. No. 1556
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2016
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education and the Arts, to which was referred H.B. No. 1556, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to prohibit the University of Hawaii from adopting or maintaining any policy that precludes a person from certain employment at the University if that person is a candidate for, or is elected to, a non-statewide public office.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii Professional Assembly; Hawaii Educational Policy Center; Radcliffe & Associates, LLC; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of the Attorney General. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the University of Hawai'i System and Employees' Retirement System.

Your Committee finds that this measure allows employees of the University of Hawaii to contribute to their community by holding a public office without first sacrificing their employment at the University. Your Committee also finds that expanding the pools of candidates for public office and for employment at the University is a benefit to the public offices, the University, and the State.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Authorizing the University of Hawaii to employ people who are candidates for, or are elected to, a non-statewide or non-countywide public office as casual employees, rather than prohibiting the University from adopting or maintaining any policy that precludes such employment;
- (2) Inserting a definition of "casual employee"; and
- (3) Inserting an amendment to chapter 88, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to clarify that people who are employed at the University of Hawaii and are also elective officers are prohibited from earning any additional benefits as a result of holding the two positions.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1556, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1556, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

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

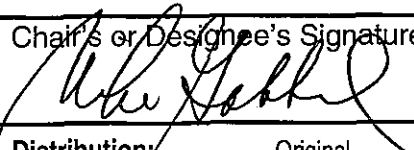


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1556, HD1	HEA, JDL	3-22-16		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i			✓	✓
KIDANI, Michelle N.			✓	✓
SLOM, Sam				✓
TOTAL	2	-	1	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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