Honolulu, Hawaii
Rebruam 19, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 1613 H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2016 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 1613 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION," begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to expand access to higher education for the people of Hawaii by:

- (1) Requiring the University of Hawaii Board of Regents to waive the community college tuition of Hawaii residents who meet certain criteria; and
- (2) Implementing the community college tuition waiver through a pilot program in any county with a population of less than 100,000.

The Hawaii Public Health Association and numerous concerned individuals supported this measure. Faith Action for Community Equity supported the measure with amendments. The University of Hawaii submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding a purpose section;
- (2) Defining "eligible non-citizen";

- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2525, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes that \$2,600,000 was estimated as the amount that would be needed to implement the pilot program in a county with a resident population of less than 100,000.

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. 1613, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1613, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

JSAAC W. CHOY, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-eighth Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1613	Committee Referral: HED FIN	Date:	2/14/	10
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HED Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. CHOY, Isaac W. (C)	 			
2. ICHIYAMA, Linda (VC)	/			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	✓			,
4. ING, Kaniela				/
5. ITO, Ken				
6. KONG, Sam Satoru				✓
7. OHNO, Takashi	/			
8. SAY, Calvin K.Y.				
9. TAKUMI, Roy M.				
10. TSUJI, Clift				
11. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohi	ilani 🗸			
12. TUPOLA, Andria P.L.				/
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TOTAL (12)		0	0	4
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acconym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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