

Honolulu, Hawaii  
February 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";

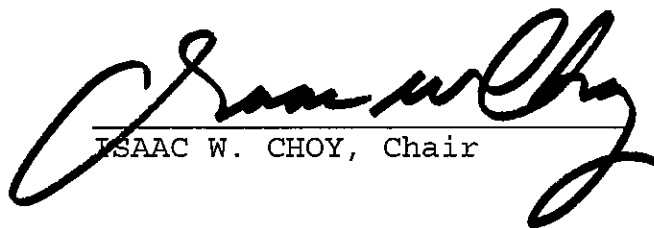


- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2525, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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,

  
ISAAC W. CHOY, Chair



