

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 19, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2492
H.D. 2

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. 2492, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support the Department of
Theatre and Dance at the University of Hawaii at Manoa by
appropriating funds for:

- (1) One full-time equivalent tenure track professor (1.0 FTE) in the Hawaiian theatre program;
- (2) Two full-time staff positions (2.0 FTE), one of whom shall serve the department's costume shop, and one of whom shall serve the department's scene shop;
- (3) The hiring of guest artists and instructors;
- (4) The department's Asian theatre program; and
- (5) Production support, including basic shop supplies.

Hawaii Pacific University Theatre Program; the Director of the Theatre for Young Audiences Program at the University of Hawaii at Manoa's Department of Theatre and Dance; Halele'a Arts Foundation; Nohea Gallery; Soundtable Entertainment Inc.; the Director of School of the Arts; Mid-Pacific Institute; and numerous individuals testified in support of this measure.

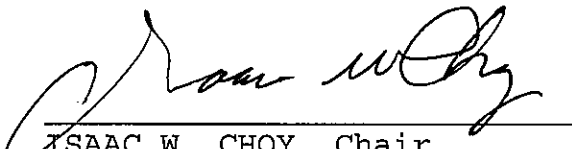


Your Committee amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date of this measure to July 1, 2525, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 2492, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2492, H.D. 2.

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


ISAAC W. CHOY, Chair



