

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 4, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 539
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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 539, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support the University of Hawai'i (UH) in complying with the federal Title IX mandate for gender equity by:

- (1) Segregating funding for the UH-Manoa Athletics Department from the greater University budget by requiring that the UH-Manoa Athletics Department be a separate program ID in the state Executive Budget, requiring that scholarship funds paid by the Athletics Department be funneled through the Athletics Department's budget, and allocating all tuition paid by student-athletes to the Athletics Department's budget;
- (2) Prohibiting allocation of general funds to the UH-Manoa Athletics Department, except funds for Title IX compliance;
- (3) Requiring the UH-Manoa men's athletic teams to collectively be financially self-sufficient; and
- (4) Requiring UH to submit an annual report on the finances of the UH-Manoa Athletics Department.



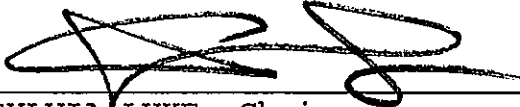
The University of Hawai'i and a concerned individual provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount; 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 Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 539, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 539, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



