

Honolulu, Hawaii

MARCH 20, 2015

RE: S.B. No. 1144
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
S.B. No. 1144, S.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support economic
development and diversification in the State by clarifying the
application of the State Ethics Code to technology transfer
activities of the University of Hawaii.

The University of Hawaii, Hawaii Business Roundtable, and The
Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii supported the measure. The Hawaii
State Ethics Commission testified in opposition.

Your Committee has amended this measure by, among other
things:

- (1) Limiting the exemption from the State Ethics Code to
only faculty and professional and technical staff of the
University of Hawaii while they are engaged in
technology transfer activities;
- (2) Specifying that the regulatory framework and research
compliance program and policies approved by the
University of Hawaii Board of Regents must also be used

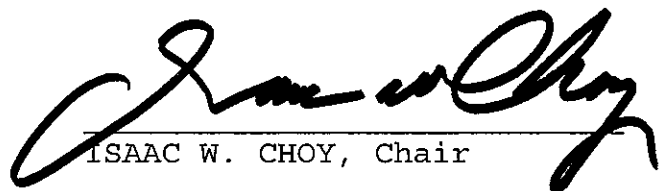


by the United States federal government and providing examples of what those policies must address;

- (3) Amending the definition of "technology transfer activities" to mean the process of transferring scientific findings from the public sector to the private sector for the purpose of commercial development and application for personal or financial gain;
- (4) Requiring the University of Hawaii Board of Regents to submit a written report to the Legislature every two years regarding the technology transfer activities of the University of Hawaii and their status;
- (5) Changing its effective date to upon its approval, and repealing it on June 30, 2025; and
- (6) 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 S.B. No. 1144, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1144, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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



ISAAC W. CHOY, Chair



