

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1008

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2017

RE: H.B. No. 1079
H.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
H.B. No. 1079, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION
AUTHORIZATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a
framework for authorizing post-secondary degree-granting
educational institutions that have applied for accreditation by an
accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of
Education.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee finds that it is beneficial to students to
authorize the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to
oversee accreditation-seeking institutions and ensure that the
institutions are making acceptable progress toward accreditation.
Your Committee further finds that, nationwide, most states issue
some type of temporary authorization or approval to institutions
that are in the process of applying for accreditation. Finally,
your Committee finds that it is beneficial to allow the Director
of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to grant temporary waivers of the
accreditation requirement when necessary for good cause and the
protection of students facing imminent financial hardship.



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. 1079, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committees on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health and Ways and Means.

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



KASALI'I KAHALE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1079, HD 2	HRE, CPH/WAM	3/14/2017		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KAHELE, Kaiali'i (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	/			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				/
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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