

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

February 13, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 1278
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
H.B. No. 1278 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 ensure all students have
access to affordable higher education by:

- (1) Prohibiting the Board of Regents of the University of
Hawaii from increasing tuition fees until 2027; and
- (2) Requiring the University of Hawaii to provide the
Legislature with an analysis of whether current tuition
increases are helping address the University's repair
and maintenance backlog.

Several concerned individuals testified in support of this
measure. The University of Hawaii testified in opposition to this
measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its
effective date to July 1, 2050.

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. 1278, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second

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Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1278, H.D. 1, and
be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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


JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



