

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

370

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 15, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 1591

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. 1591 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase the educational  
capital of the State by:

- (1) Establishing the Hawaii Promise Program to provide  
scholarships for the unmet direct cost needs of  
qualified students enrolled at any University of Hawaii  
community college; and
- (2) Appropriating funds for the establishment and  
implementation of the Program.

The University of Hawai'i, KAI Hawaii, Inc., UH Alumni  
Association, and numerous concerned individuals testified in  
support of this measure. One individual testified in opposition  
to this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to  
facilitate further discussion; and

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- (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. 1591, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1591, 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



