

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

974

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 7, 2017

RE: H.B. No. 1591

H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1591, H.D. 1, 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 Hawaii; Leeward Community College; Hawaii Friends of Civil Rights; Filipino American Citizens League; Nursing Advocates & Mentors, Inc.; National Federation of Filipino American Associations; Filipino-Americans Advocacy Network; Kamehameha Schools; Hawaii Filipino Lawyers Association; and numerous concerned individuals supported this measure. One concerned individual opposed this measure. Several concerned individuals provided comments.

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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. 1591, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1591, H.D. 2.

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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



