

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1226

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 29 2017

RE: S.C.R. No. 175
S.D. 1

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
S.C.R. No. 175 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
TO EXAMINE THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE UNIVERSITY'S ONLINE
PROGRAMS WITH A VIEW TOWARD INCREASING ITS ONLINE ACCREDITED
COURSES AND DEGREE PROGRAMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the
University of Hawaii to examine the status of the University's
online programs to consider increasing its online accredited
courses and degree programs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this
measure from the University of Hawai'i System.

Your Committee finds that online courses and degree programs
are increasingly important to provide access to education for as
many students as possible. Your Committee further finds that
while the University of Hawaii offers many online courses and some
online degree and certificate programs, the University could make
stronger efforts to expand its online accredited programs. Your
Committee notes that the University of Hawaii has the opportunity
to offer unique and valuable perspectives to local and out-of-
state students on many issues, and to potentially make higher



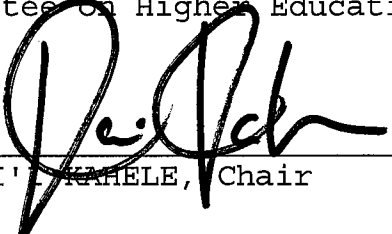
education an option for individuals who are not able to attend courses in person.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting a provision urging the University of Hawaii to examine whether a reduced tuition rate for students of online courses and programs would help incentivize potential students to pursue higher education;
- (2) Requesting that the University of Hawaii Professional Assembly receive a copy; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 175, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 175, S.D. 1.

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



KAIALI'I KANELE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 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	3			2

Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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