

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1301

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2017

RE: S.R. No. 60

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.R. No. 60 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT
MANOA TO ADOPT A BUDGET MODEL THAT ALLOCATES RESOURCES
ACCORDING TO A TRANSPARENT AND EQUITABLE FORMULA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to address a
disparity in the allocation of funds between the Colleges of Arts
and Sciences and other colleges of the University of Hawaii by
requesting that the University of Hawaii at Manoa adopt a budget
model that allocates resources according to a transparent and
equitable formula.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Graduate Student Organization at the University of Hawai'i
at Mānoa, Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i at
Mānoa, and seven individuals. Your Committee received testimony
in opposition to this measure from the University of Hawai'i
System.

Your Committee finds that the Colleges of Arts and Sciences
at the University of Hawaii at Manoa comprise fifty-five percent
of the total student semester hours, forty-two percent of the
University of Hawaii at Manoa student body, and forty-eight
percent of the University of Hawaii faculty, but only receive
eighteen percent of the combined tuition and general funds

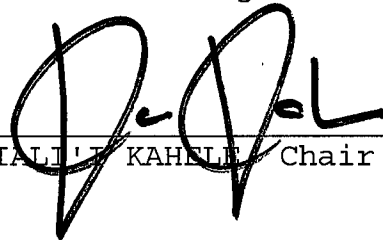


allocated to the University. Your Committee further finds that this disparity in the allocation of funds has seriously eroded the ability of instructional units to retain highly qualified faculty, offer sufficient numbers of courses taught by qualified faculty, maintain rigorous research and publication standards, and replace worn-out equipment. Your Committee notes that student enrollment is down, faculty morale at the Colleges of Arts and Sciences is low, and the existence of certain programs are in jeopardy.

Your Committee appreciates the testimony submitted by multiple faculty members of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and acknowledges their frustrations and the gravity of the current situation that they described. Your Committee is concerned about the current fiscal situation at the University of Hawaii, the impact it is having on students, and the quality of the programs offered at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Your Committee hopes that this measure will impress upon the University an urgency to modify the current budget model to allocate resources more equitably to align revenue sources with intended use.

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.R. No. 60 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



KAIALI'I KAHALE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Higher Education
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SR 60	Committee Referral: HRE, WAM	Date: 3/28/2017		
<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	3			2
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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