

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1614

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 18 2017

RE: S.R. No. 89  
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.R. No. 89 entitled:

"SENATE 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



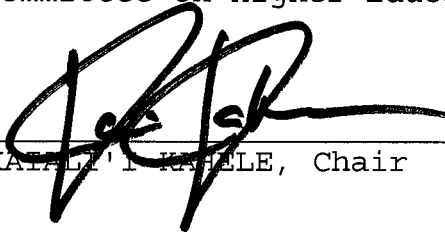
education an option for individuals who are not able to attend courses in person.

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.R. No. 89, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 89, S.D. 1.

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



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KAIULANI I. KAMELE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Higher Education**  
**HRE**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SR 89	HRE, WAM	3/23/2017		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" 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.				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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