Honolulu, Hawaii

February 16 , 2017

RE: H.B. No. 1594
        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. 1594 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 establish the Hawaii
Promise Program (Program) to provide scholarships for the unmet
direct cost needs of qualified students enrolled at any University
of Hawaii campus, and appropriate funds to establish and implement
the Program.

The University of Hawaii, KAI Hawaii, Inc., Graduate Student
Organization at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Nursing
Advocates & Mentors, Inc., Filipino American Citizens League,
University of Hawaii Student Caucus, National Federation of
Filipino American Associations Region 12, Hawaii Alliance for
Progressive Action, Associated Students of the University of
Hawaii at Manoa, and numerous concerned individuals supported this
measure. A concerned individual opposed this measure. Two
concerned individuals provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

(1)   Requiring students to be enrolled in an undergraduate or
        non-graduate certificate program at a University of
        Hawaii campus for a maximum of eight semesters to be

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eligible for scholarship consideration under the
Program;

(2)   Changing the number of credits per semester required for
      scholarship consideration to twelve credits or more;

(3)   Requiring students to maintain a grade point average of
      2.5 or higher and earn a minimum of twenty-four credits
      to maintain a scholarship under the Program;

(4)   Allowing a student to be placed on scholarship probation
      for no more than one semester during an eight-semester
      period at a University of Hawaii campus;

(5)   Changing the amount appropriated to an unspecified
      amount;

(6)   Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to
      encourage further discussion; and

(7)   Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity,
      consistency, and style.

      Should the Committee on Finance deliberate this measure
further, your Committee on Higher Education respectfully requests
that it consider appropriating $11,560,000 to establish and
implement the Program.

      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. 1594, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second
Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1594, 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

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education

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θ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to: θ Pass, unamended (as is) ☒ Pass, with amendments (HD) θ Hold
θ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

HED Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)	/			
2. HASHEM, Mark J. (VC)	/			
3. CREAGAN, Richard P.	/			
4. HAR, Sharon E.	/			
5. ING, Kaniela	/			
6. OHNO, Takashi	/			
7. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	/			
8. TAKUMI, Roy M.	/			
9. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	/			
TOTAL (9)	9	0	0	0

The recommendation is: ☒ Adopted θ Not Adopted

If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _Mark J. Hashem_____

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