

Honolulu, Hawaii

**February 16**, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1830  
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred  
H.B. No. 1830, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support and provide  
legislative oversight of the University of Hawaii's energy  
efficiency, renewable energy, sustainability, and energy  
conservation projects by:

- (1) Expressly authorizing legislative appropriations to be  
deposited into the University of Hawaii Green Special  
Fund (Special Fund);
- (2) Removing the expenditure threshold amount of Special  
Fund monies that triggers the requirement for  
legislative approval;
- (3) Authorizing Special Fund monies to be used for planning,  
design, and implementation of energy efficiency, energy  
conservation, and renewable energy projects; and
- (4) Requiring legislative approval for any expenditure of  
funds from the Special Fund.



The University of Hawaii, Hawai'i Energy, Ulupono Initiative, and Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii supported this measure.

While your Committee appreciates the testimony of the University of Hawaii that the legislative budget process will allow for oversight of state funds appropriated to the Special Fund, your Committee notes that this approval review process is only for legislative appropriations made to this fund. Because the Special Fund will also contain private funds and grant monies deposited into it, notification to the Legislature of the use of these funds will ensure they are used wisely for energy efficiency projects and promote transparency and fiscal accountability.

Your Committee has amended this measure by requiring notification to the Legislature, rather than legislative approval, for any expenditure from the Special Fund.

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. 1830, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1830, H.D. 2.

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



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ANGUS L.K. McKELVEY, Chair



