

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 16, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2005  
H.D. 1

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. 2005 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REVENUE  
BONDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to help address the University  
of Hawaii's deferred maintenance and capital modernization of its  
aging facilities by authorizing the Board of Regents to issue  
\$100,000,000 in revenue bonds.

The University of Hawaii supported the measure with  
amendments.

Your Committee appreciates the concerns raised that the  
authority to issue revenue bonds may have an impact on student  
tuition costs. However, your Committee also notes there was  
strong support from many for the need to finance the multitude of  
small repair and maintenance improvements necessary at all the  
campuses of the University of Hawaii that will benefit students,  
teachers, and the administration alike. In response to the  
concerns of fiscal oversight, your Committee notes that there are  
safeguards contained within this measure as the Board of Regents  
may only issue revenue bonds with the approval of both the  
Governor and the Legislature.



Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Authorizing the issuance of an unspecified sum of revenue bonds;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2112, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 2005, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2005, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



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ANGUS L.K. McKELVEY, Chair



