

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **623**-18

Honolulu, Hawaii

**February 16**, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2165  
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. 2165 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 improve students' access to  
higher education at the University of Hawaii by:

- (1) Establishing the Hawaii Promise Program to provide  
scholarships for the unmet direct cost needs of  
qualified students enrolled at any campus of the  
University of Hawaii system, including community  
colleges; and
- (2) Appropriating funds for the Program.

The University of Hawaii, University of Hawaii Professional  
Assembly, Americans for Democratic Action, Kamehameha Schools, and  
three concerned individuals supported the measure. The Department  
of Education supported the intent of the measure.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing provisions relating to scholarship probation, revocation, and repayment for students who fail to maintain eligibility for a scholarship;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2112, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee recognizes the importance of a pathway for students with financial need to transition from the community colleges to four-year campuses of the University of Hawaii, where costs can be substantially higher. Your Committee respectfully requests that your Committee on Finance, should it hear this measure, consider appropriating \$2,000,000 for the Hawaii Promise 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. 2165, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2165, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-ninth Legislature

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

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 2165</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HED, FIN</b>	Date: <b>2/13/18</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HED Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. (C)	✓			
2. HASHEM, Mark J. (VC)	✓			
3. CREAGAN, Richard P.	✓			
4. ING, Kaniela				✓
5. KONG, Sam Satoru	✓			
6. LEARMONT, Lei R.	✓			
7. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
8. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
9. QUINLAN, Sean				✓
10. WOODSON, Justin H.	✓			
11. MATSUMOTO, Lauren Kealohilani	✓			
TOTAL (11)	9			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ committee acronym(s) _____ did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>Mark J. Hashem</i>				
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