

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 1, 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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2165, H.D. 1, 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 Department of Education, University of Hawaii Professional Assembly, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Filipina Advocacy Network, Kamehameha Schools, and several concerned individuals supported this measure. The Department of Budget and Finance and University of Hawaii provided comments.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2165, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



