

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 9, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2299

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. 2299 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INDEMNIFICATION OF COUNTY  
AGENCIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the University of  
Hawaii (UH) Board of Regents, or its designee, to indemnify,  
defend, and hold harmless a county agency, its officers, agents,  
and employees, when UH uses county property for a university  
purpose or a university function, provided certain conditions are  
met.

UH testified in support of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its  
effective date to July 1, 2112, to facilitate further discussion  
on this measure.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on  
Judiciary, should it hear this measure, to consider the issue of  
whether UH has the legal authority to indemnify county agencies on  
behalf of the State without the approval of the executive branch,  
especially because UH is an autonomous entity.



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. 2299, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2299, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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



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ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



