

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 9, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2604
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. 2604 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION
PROGRAMS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the
Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT)
to fund one or more programs to implement international college
experiences for students enrolled at a University of Hawaii
campus.

A concerned individual supported this measure. DBEDT and The
University of Hawaii offered comments for this measure.

Your Committee finds that the University of Hawaii organizes
its study abroad programs at the campus level. Currently, there
are no systemwide programs to offer University of Hawaii students
international college experiences. Furthermore, in its testimony,
DBEDT noted that it no longer has an office of international
relations and cannot use grants.

As such, your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Changing the expending agency from DBEDT to the University of Hawaii, but to work in collaboration with DBEDT;
- (2) Requiring the University of Hawaii to submit a report to the Legislature regarding the use of the appropriated funds for programs to implement international college experiences for University of Hawaii students;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2112, to promote further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

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. 2604, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2604, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts.

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



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



