

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

134

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 7, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 398
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Lower & Higher Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 398 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to help increase the number of teachers in Hawaii by requiring the University of Hawaii to establish additional distance-learning classes in teaching for students who are pursuing undergraduate degrees in education.

The Hawaii State Teachers Association, O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, and a concerned individual supported this measure. The University of Hawaii and Department of Education submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Eliminating all reporting requirements to the Legislature by the University of Hawaii regarding the establishment of additional distance-learning classes in teaching for students who are pursuing undergraduate degrees in education;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and

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- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Lower & Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 398, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 398, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



