

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

279

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13 2019

RE: S.B. No. 1418

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirtieth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2019  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred  
S.B. No. 1418 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate  
funds for four full-time equivalent (4.00 FTE) positions for the  
University of Hawaii system-wide Pamantasan Council, including  
instructional faculty, student personnel, and graduate  
assistantships.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the University of Hawai'i System; University of Hawai'i  
Pamantasan Council; Pamantasan 2019 Conference Committee in Hawai'i  
Island; The Filipino Community Center, Inc.; Filipina Advocacy  
Network; Filipino-American Historical Society of Hawaii; Filipinos  
for Affirmative Action; O'ahu County Committee on Legislative  
Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and twelve  
individuals.

Your Committee finds that, despite their high representation  
in the general population and in schools within the Department of  
Education, students of Filipino ancestry are underrepresented at  
certain campuses within the University of Hawaii System. While  
students of Filipino ancestry are well-represented at the  
University of Hawaii West Oahu and University of Hawaii community  
colleges, students of Filipino ancestry are severely



underrepresented at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, comprising only ten percent of undergraduate students and four percent of graduate students.

Your Committee further finds that support for the Filipino community in higher education will increase the representation of Filipino students and professionals in the education, health, legal, business, science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields. This measure provides additional resources for students of Filipino ancestry that may increase academic interest, student success, and graduation among Filipino students.

Your Committee notes that although the appropriation is blank, an appropriation of \$390,000 is necessary for the four full-time equivalent (4.00 FTE) positions for the University of Hawaii system-wide Pamantasan Council, including instructional faculty, student personnel, and graduate assistantships.

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 S.B. No. 1418 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 1418</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HRE, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/7/19</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i				/
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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