

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 05 2019

RE: S.B. No. 907  
S.D. 1

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. 907 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the  
University of Hawaii to establish a free application day for  
prospective students who qualify for Hawaii resident tuition.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the  
Democratic Party of Hawai'i. Your Committee received comments on  
this measure from the University of Hawai'i System.

Your Committee finds that to remain competitive in the global  
economy, Hawaii students should be encouraged to pursue a post-  
secondary certificate or degree. However, many are discouraged  
from applying to post-secondary institutions because of the costs  
associated with application fees. This measure encourages  
students to submit at least one post-secondary application and  
file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Specifying that the free application day established by the University of Hawaii shall be a two-year pilot project, rather than an annual offering; and
- (2) Specifying that the University of Hawaii shall be responsible for selecting the day to offer the free application day.

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. 907, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 907, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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



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DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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**Committee on Higher Education**  
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Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SB 907</i>	Committee Referral: <i>HRE, WAM</i>	Date: <i>1/31/19</i>
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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312    
 Pass, with amendments 2311    
 Hold 2310    
 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>	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>

Recommendation:    
 Adopted    
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:  
*Michelle N. Kidani*

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