

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 2019

RE: H.B. No. 1277  
H.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  
H.B. No. 1277, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Provide scholarships under the Hawaii promise program for the unmet direct cost needs of qualified students at any four-year University of Hawaii campus who meet certain eligibility criteria; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for the establishment and implementation of the Hawaii promise program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System, Department of Education, Kamehameha Schools, Engineering Alumni Association of the University of Hawaii, University of Hawai'i Alumni Association, and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii promise program provides financial assistance to students with financial need, as determined by the student's Free Application for Federal Student Aid, to meet the cost of tuition, fees, books, and transportation.



However, the Hawaii promise program is only available to students at the University of Hawaii community colleges. This measure expands the Hawaii promise program to qualified students at four-year institutions, which will significantly enhance the number of economically disadvantaged students who can attend and graduate from the University of Hawaii.

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. 1277, H.D. 1, 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,




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DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Higher Education**  
**HRE**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB 1277, HD 1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HRE, WAM</b>	Date: <b>3/19/19</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>3</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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