

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAY 11 , 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2690
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Lower & Higher Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 2690, S.D. 1, 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 appropriate funds to the University of Hawaii Maui College for scholarships in its Office of International and Regional Partnerships to subsidize travel expenses and tuition.

Prior to the hearing on this measure, your Committee posted and made available for public review a proposed H.D. 1, which preserves the content of this measure and additionally establishes and appropriates funds for a Network Improvement Community Task Force to develop a K-12 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) teacher education degree for the University of Hawaii.

Your Committee received comments on the proposed H.D. 1 from the University of Hawaii System Community Colleges.

Your Committee finds that there is a shortage of qualified STEM teachers in the Hawaii. The proposed H.D. 1 establishes a task force that will coordinate with the University of Hawaii to



develop a K-12 STEM teacher education program, with the goal of building the capacity for, and eventually establishing, a statewide program to recruit, prepare, and retain K-12 STEM teachers that will work in high-need areas.

Your Committee further finds that the University of Hawaii Maui College's Office of International and Regional Partnerships works continuously to connect students from Maui and abroad through study abroad programs that offer students the opportunity to gain foreign language skills and cross-cultural competence and foster meaningful relationships in an increasingly globalized world. The proposed H.D. 1 will provide funding to the University of Hawaii Maui College's Office of International and Regional Partnerships to continue the Office's work in sending students to participate in study abroad programs.

Your Committee has amended this measure by adopting the proposed H.D. 1 and further amending the measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2051; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of 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 S.B. No. 2690, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2690, S.D. 1, 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



Record of Votes of the Committee on Lower & Higher Education

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2690, SDI	Committee Referral: LHE, FIN	Date: 3/13/2020		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
LHE Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)	✓			
2. HASHEM, Mark J. (VC)	✓			
3. QUINLAN, Sean (VC)	✓			
4. DeCOITE, Lynn	✓			
5. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling				✓
6. KOBAYASHI, Dale T.	✓			
7. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
8. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
9. TARNAS, David A.	✓			
10. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
11. OKIMOTO, Val	✓			
TOTAL (11)	10			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>Mark J. Hashem</i>				
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