

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2325

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2022

RE: S.B. No. 3187
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
S.B. No. 3187 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD
OF REGENTS CANDIDATE ADVISORY COUNCIL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to eliminate the
University of Hawaii Board of Regents Candidate Advisory Council
and authorize the Governor to directly appoint members to the
University of Hawaii Board of Regents, effective upon ratification
of a constitutional amendment.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this
measure from the Kapi'olani Community College Staff Council,
Association of Emeritus Regents, and two individuals. Your
Committee received comments on this measure from the University of
Hawai'i System.

Your Committee finds that the Board of Regents of the
University of Hawaii serve in an important role to guide the
policies and trajectory of the University of Hawaii. During its
initial enactment in 2006, the Board of Regents Candidate Advisory
Council became a vital tool to select regents in a similar method
to judges and justices in the Hawaii State Judiciary.



While the Candidate Advisory Council has proven effective during periods in which a high number of individuals apply, in recent years, the Candidate Advisory Council has only recommended a small number of individuals from which the Governor may select new regents. For example, while an applicant may apply for a student regent opening, their name may also be submitted under the county opening, if applicable, making the pool of candidates only seemingly more competitive. To address concerns over thorough vetting of Board of Regents applicants, this measure eliminates the Board of Regents Candidate Advisory Council, allowing the Governor to directly appoint regents with the advise and consent of the Senate.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 3187, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3187, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means.

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



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes
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| Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 3187 | Committee Referral: HRE, JDC/WAM | Date: 2-8-22 | | |
| <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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" 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) | / | | | |
| KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. | / | | | |
| WAKAI, Glenn | / | | | |
| FEVELLA, Kurt | / | | | |
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| 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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