

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 07, 2023

RE: H.B. No. 968
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Culture, Arts & International Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 968 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 Pamantasan Council for three full-time equivalent academic and support services specialist positions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i Pamantasan Executive Committee; Filipino Community Center, Inc.; Hawaii Friends of Civil Rights; Filipinos for Affirmative Action; Samahang Filipino Club at Hawai'i Community College; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Pamantasan Council was established in 1987 to address Filipinx representation and success on campus and ensure that Filipinx American and Philippine courses are represented in the curriculum. Your Committee further finds that the Pamantasan Council has no budget and is a volunteer organization of University of Hawaii students, staff, faculty, and administrators who are committed to access and diversity issues. This measure would fund positions for the Council to continue positively impacting student recruitment, engagement, retention, and success.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Higher Education & Technology and your Committee on Finance, should they deliberate on this measure, to consider a total appropriation amount of \$310,000, which includes \$70,000 for each of three full-time equivalent positions and \$100,000 for operating costs.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 968, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 968, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Higher Education & Technology.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Culture, Arts &
International Affairs,



ADRIAN K. TAM, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Culture, Arts & International Affairs

Bill/Resolution No: HB 968	Committee Referral: CAI, HET, FIN	Date: 2/3/23		
<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)				
CAI Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAM, Adrian K. (C)	X			
2. MARTINEZ, Rose (VC)	X			
3. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya	X			
4. KAPELA, Jeanne	X			
5. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z.	X			
6. SAYAMA, Jackson D.				X
7. ALCOS III, David	X			
TOTAL (7)	6	0	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ committee acronym(s) did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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