

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1151  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred  
S.B. No. 1151 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
PROMISE PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to exempt  
University of Hawaii community college students who are enrolled  
in certificate programs from the requirement to complete the Free  
Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each academic year to  
be considered eligible for the Hawaii Community College Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, University  
of Hawai'i System, University of Hawaii Professional Assembly, and  
one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure  
from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that students attending the University  
of Hawaii community colleges have benefitted significantly from  
the Hawaii Community College Promise Program, which is more  
flexible and teaches political, applicable skills. Additionally,  
your Committee believes that certificate programs are valuable to  
the State and open opportunities for individuals with intellectual  
and developmental disabilities who have had difficulty in  
accessing promise scholarships in the past either because they



were not enrolled full-time or had difficulty with FAFSA applications. Your Committee recognizes the importance of widening access to the Hawaii Community College Promise Program to help students in certificate programs pursue their educational goals. Therefore, this measure aims to increase opportunities to achieve higher education and reduce the cost of community college for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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. 1151, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1151, 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  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
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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)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>			

Recommendation:  Adopted      Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:

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