Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 , 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2719
    H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education & Technology, to which was referred H.B. No. 2719 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a pilot program to offer tuition waivers for certain community college students starting in the 2025 fall semester.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the University of Hawaiʻi System and Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that making higher education accessible to more individuals will help create a well-trained and highly qualified workforce for the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

(1) Clarifying that this measure is a matter of statewide concern pursuant to article X, section 6 of the Hawaii State Constitution;

(2) Clarifying that to qualify for a tuition waiver under the pilot program, a person must:

    (A) Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid; and

    (B) Be a resident of the applicable county for at least one year;

(3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and

(4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2719, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2719, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

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AMY A. PERRUSO, Chair

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State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-second Legislature **HSCR 535-24**

## Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education & Technology

| Bill/Resolution No.: | Committee Referral: | Date: |
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| HB 2719 | HET, FIN | 2/14/24 |

☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to: ☐ Pass, unamended (as is)  ☒ Pass, with amendments (HD)  ☐ Hold
☐ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

| HET Members | Ayes | Ayes (WR) | Nays | Excused |
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| 1. PERRUSO, Amy A. (C) | ✓ | | | |
| 2. KAPELA, Jeanne (VC) | ✓ | | | |
| 3. LA CHICA, Trish | ✓ | | | |
| 4. MARTEN, Lisa | ✓ | | | |
| 5. MARTINEZ, Rose | ✓ | | | |
| 6. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z. | | | | ✓ |
| 7. MIZUNO, May Besario | ✓ | | | |
| 8. QUINLAN, Sean | | | | ✓ |
| 9. TODD, Chris | | | | ✓ |
| 10. WOODSON, Justin H. | ✓ | | | |
| 11. GARCIA, Diamond | | | ✓ | |
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| TOTAL (11) | 7 | | 1 | 3 |

The recommendation is:  ☒ Adopted   ☐ Not Adopted

If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____

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