

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1204

Honolulu, Hawaii

**MAR 20 2025**

RE: H.B. No. 1170  
H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred  
H.B. No. 1170, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII  
RESIDENT TUITION FEE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to simplify the  
residency determination for the State's high school graduates to  
enroll in postsecondary education and training at the University  
of Hawaii by considering graduates of the State's high schools to  
be residents for tuition purposes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Education, University of Hawai'i System,  
Hawai'i P-20 Partnerships for Education, University of Hawai'i  
Student Caucus, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that while the University of Hawaii has  
amended its administrative rules to streamline the enrollment  
process for all applicants for admission into the University of  
Hawaii System, existing statutory requirements regarding residency  
for tuition purposes discourage some local graduating high school  
seniors or recent graduates from enrolling at the University of  
Hawaii. More specifically, some students in non-traditional  
living situations may be incorrectly considered non-residents,  
subjecting them to higher out-of-state tuition rates. This



measure will facilitate enrollment at the University of Hawaii by simplifying the residency determination for the State's high school graduates to enroll in postsecondary education and training at the University of Hawaii by allowing these students to benefit from resident tuition rates.

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 H.B. No. 1170, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading 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-Third Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Higher Education**  
**HRE**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB 1170 HD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HRE, WAM</b>	Date: <b>3/18/2025</b>							
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313									
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>					
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	✓								
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓								
FUKUNAGA, Carol				✓					
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	✓								
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓								
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>1</b>					
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted									
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 									
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