STAND. COM. REP. NO. **756** -24

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 , 2024

RE: H.B. No. 1795

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. 1795 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMUNITY COLLEGE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to create a working group to evaluate possibilities for making community college free for Hawaii residents.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System; State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; Americans for Democratic Action Hawai'i; and nine individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that providing free community college to Hawaii residents would increase Hawaii's rate of college-bound students, especially for students and families who are socioeconomically disadvantaged. This measure will explore and evaluate possible ways of making community college free.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that this measure is a matter of statewide concern;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) 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. 1795, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1795, 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,

AMY A. PERRUSO, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-second Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education & Technology

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 1795	HET, FIN	2/7/24		
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
1. PERRUSO, Amy A. (C)			•	
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4. MARTEN, Lisa			Ti at	
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8. QUINLAN, Sean			**************************************	
9. TODD, Chris				
10. WOODSON, Justin H.				
11. GARCIA, Diamond				
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The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. Committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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