

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1204

Honolulu, Hawaii

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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,



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



