

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1748

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2025

RE: H.B. No. 1171  
H.D. 2  
S.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 Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1171, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII  
RELIEF FUNDING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to enhance the retention and success of University of Hawaii students.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Authorizes the University of Hawaii Board of Regents to use moneys in the University of Hawaii tuition and fees special fund to provide student aid in direct response to an emergency or a disaster, as declared by the Governor; and
- (2) Requires the University of Hawaii to submit a report to the Legislature following the use of moneys in the University of Hawaii tuition and fees special fund to provide student aid.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii System and University of Hawaii Student Caucus.



Your Committee finds that while each campus of the University of Hawaii has institutional funds available for students facing emergencies and crises, the use of these funds is noted on the recipient student's account and could lead to the reduction or reversal of previously awarded scholarships or other financial aid. Your Committee further finds that because the United States Department of Education would recognize the use of University of Hawaii tuition and fees special fund moneys as state aid, its use would not be classified as financial assistance and therefore would not affect a student's financial aid package.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1171, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1171, H.D. 2, S.D. 1.

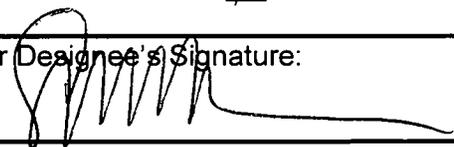
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Third Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Ways and Means**  
**WAM**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HB1171 HDZ</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HRE, WAM</b>	Date: <b>4/2/2025</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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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