

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1490
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 Higher Education, to which was referred
S.B. No. 1490 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 amend the
University of Hawaii Tuition and Fees Special Fund to allow the
Board of Regents to provide student aid in direct response to an
emergency or disaster, as declared by the Governor.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the University of Hawai'i System and University of Hawai'i
Student Caucus.

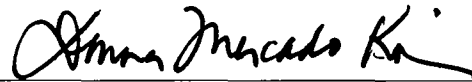
Your Committee finds that each University of Hawaii campus
has institutional funds available for students facing emergencies
and crises. However, these funds are noted on students' accounts,
which can lead to the reduction or reversal of previously awarded
scholarships or other forms of financial aid and leave students
feeling penalized for receiving relief funds. This measure will
help provide students with support during a time of crisis and
thus help increase retention and student success.



Your Committee has amended this measure by making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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 S.B. No. 1490, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1490, S.D. 1, 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



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Higher Education
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1490	Committee Referral: HRE, WAM	Date: 2/11/2025		
<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
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Michelle N. Kidani</i>				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes