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Time: 10:40 AM

Location: CR 211 & Videoconference

Committee: Senate Ways and Means

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Interim Superintendent Keith Hayashi
Hawaii State Department of Education

Title of Bill: HB 1488, HD1, SD1 RELATING TO RESIDENCE FOR TUITION PURPOSES.

Purpose of Bill: Requires the tuition residency rules for the University of Hawaii to grant the resident tuition fee for enrollment at any University of Hawaii campus, including any community college, to individuals who have obtained a Hawaii high school diploma or equivalent credential and are working toward an undergraduate degree, under certain conditions. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

Department's Position:

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports HB 1488, HD1, SD1.

Simplifying the residency determination for admission into the University of Hawaii (UH) system will positively impact students who wish to pursue higher education within the UH system and reduce barriers students may face when applying to UH. Further, extending the resident tuition fee at any UH campus to individuals who earn a Hawaii high school diploma or equivalent credential, including those who initially enroll in an out-of-state institution of higher education but later return to Hawaii to complete their undergraduate studies, increases access to postsecondary education in-state.

Increasing access to postsecondary education for all students is in alignment with a larger collaborative effort in workforce development, as a significant number of jobs,

particularly those affording a living wage, require postsecondary credentials.

The Department defers to the University of Hawaii on the implementation of these changes.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

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Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Friday, April 8, 2022, at 10:40 a.m.

By
Hae K. Okimoto, Associate President for Student Affairs
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HB 1488 HD1 SD1 – RELATING TO RESIDENCE FOR TUITION PURPOSES

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill (HB) 1488 House Draft (HD) 1 Senate Draft (SD) 1 relating to residence for tuition purposes. The University of Hawai'i (UH) strongly supports the bill.

HB 1488 HD1 SD1 would recognize graduates of Hawai'i high schools or high school equivalency programs as residents for the purpose of in-state tuition at the UH. HB 1488 HD1 SD1 would recognize local graduates as residents for in-state tuition at UH for up to two years following high school graduation.

UH recommends that the bill become effective upon the Governor's signature so that the changes may benefit the high school graduating class of 2022.

UH believes that simplifying the determination of residency would reduce barriers to local students enrolling at UH to pursue additional education and training. In addition, the bill simplifies the residency determination for high school student and recent graduates who are homeless and/or have complex family circumstances.

Hawaii's "college going rate" of high school graduates declined during the pandemic, dropping from 55% enrolling immediately after high school graduation to 50%. The decline in college going rates to UH disproportionately affected low income, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander graduates, and college going to community colleges dropped nearly 25% from Class of 2019 to Class of 2021. This may be attributed to the added uncertainties that the current health pandemic has created in the lives of our students. Recognizing Hawai'i's high school graduates as Hawai'i residents enrolling at UH communicates the value that the state places on investing in graduates' continuing their education and training and streamlines the process of admission to UH.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this measure.

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HB-1488-SD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2022 2:51:25 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/8/2022 10:40:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Renee Rabb	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support HB1488, which expands the number of people who can qualify for resident tuition at colleges and universities. Education needs to be affordable. Hawaii needs as many educated people as we can get. This is a win-win.

Mahalo,

Renee Rabb

Keaau, Hi 96749

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HB-1488-SD-1

Submitted on: 4/7/2022 3:00:19 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/8/2022 10:40:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Barbara Cigainero	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Committee Chair and Members: Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of HB 1488. This bill would allow Hawaiian High School graduate that move to the Mainland and then return to be able to attend college and pay in-state tuition. We see many of our youth leave the state with dreams and ideas (the grass is greener syndrome). For those that return to Hawaii, having to pay out-of-state tuition can be discouraging. This bill offers an incentive for youth to return and to be able to afford to realize their dreams and put them to work in our state.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill. Barbara Cigainero, Keaau, HI 96749