Honolulu, Hawaii

, 2006

H.B. No. 2040 H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 2040 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SENATOR HIRAM L. FONG SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to honor and recognize Senator Hiram L. Fong by supporting students enrolled in the University of Hawaii (UH) system. Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Establishes the Senator Hiram L. Fong Scholarship Program (Program);
- (2) Establishes the Senator Hiram L. Fong Scholarship Program Special Fund (Fong Special Fund) to support the Program; and
- Appropriates \$200,000 to be transferred to the Fong (2) Special Fund.

A member of the Honolulu City Council and several concerned individuals supported this bill. UH and the Department of Education supported the intent of this bill. The Department of Budget and Finance submitted comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the Fong Special Fund;
- (2) Establishing that funds for the Program shall be deposited into UH's Student Scholarship and Assistance Special Fund (Assistance Special Fund) to be used to support the Program;
- (3) Providing that \$200,000 be deposited into the Assistance Special Fund and used for the Program; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

Your Committee recognizes that concerns were raised regarding state funding of scholarship programs and, specifically, how the Program will remain solvent without a continuous infusion of funds. However, your Committee believes that these financial issues are better addressed by the Committee on Finance and has passed this measure out to continue discussion of the matter.

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. 2040, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2040, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Higher Education,

TOMMY WATERS, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-third Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education

Bill/Resolution No.:	Date:	. 55 . 0	_		
HB 2040 Committee Referral:	HEBRI	FEBRUARY 9, 2006			
HED, FIN	☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended	Pass, with amendments				
☐ Hold	☐ Recommit				
HED Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused	
1. WATERS, Tommy (C)	V				
2. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L. (VC)	/				
3. ARAKAKI, Dennis A.					
4. BERG, Lyla B., Ph.D.		<u> </u>			
5. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.					
6. CHANG, Jerry L.	<u> </u>				
7. GREEN, Josh, M.D.					
8. HALE, Heléne H.					
9. HARBIN, Bev					
10. TAKUMI, Roy M.	манивания бал жоле жининдивация	<u> </u>			
11. CHING, Corinne W.L.	<u></u>				
12. FINNEGAN, Lynn	Aleganie var ar sammen, ale in indicate in indicate				
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The recommendation is:					
☐ Not Adopted					
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.					
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Vice Chair's or designee's signature.					
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