

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 22, 2007

RE: S.B. No. 14
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
S.B. No. 14, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to improve the governance of the
University of Hawaii (UH) pursuant to Article X, section 6 of the
State Constitution, as amended and approved by voters in 2006, by,
among other things:

- (1) Modifying the process of appointing the members of the
UH Board of Regents (BOR) by establishing a Candidate
Advisory Council (Council) to qualify, screen, and
present to the Governor pools of qualified candidates
from which the Governor shall appoint BOR members with
the consent of the Senate;
- (2) Increasing BOR membership from 12 to 15 members, and
requiring a specified number of members to represent
different geographic areas;
- (3) Allowing state officers to be eligible for BOR
membership;



- (4) Modifying the length of service of each BOR member from four-year terms to no more than two consecutive five-year terms;
- (5) Requiring that at least three months prior to the expiration of the member's first five-year term, the Senate must consider the question of whether to reconfirm the member's position on the BOR; and
- (6) Allowing a BOR member to serve beyond the expiration date of the member's term until the member's successor has been appointed and has been confirmed by the Senate.

The Hawaii Government Employees Association testified in support of this bill. The Senior Policy Advisor to the Governor opposed this measure. UH and the Office of Information Practices offered comments.

Your Committee would like to clarify that the purpose of providing for staggered terms of BOR members is to prevent a large number of members from leaving at the same time. Accordingly, in addition to the provisions already in this bill, this bill has been amended by specifying that current BOR members shall serve their full terms.

Your Committee also wishes to state its intent that if a BOR member with an initial appointment of two years or less is reappointed to another term of five years, the member is still eligible to be reappointed to a second, consecutive five-year term. This bill has been amended to clarify this intent.

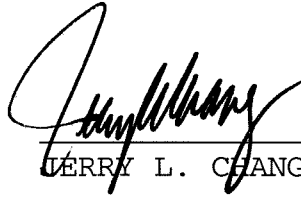
This bill has been further amended by:

- (1) Specifying that the Council is wholly exempt from Part I of Chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, rather than just the Council's meetings; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 14, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 14, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.



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

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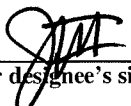
TERRY L. CHANG, Chair



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House of Representatives
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education

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| Bill/Resolution No.: SB 14 SD1 | | Date: 3/15/07 | | |
| Committee Referral: HED | | <input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure. | | |
| The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments, for recommitment for further consideration | | | | |
| HED Members | Ayes | Ayes (WR) | Nays | Excused |
| 1. CHANG, Jerry L. (C) | ✓ | | | |
| 2. BERTRAM, Joe, III (VC) | | ✓ | | |
| 3. BERG, Lyla B., Ph.D. | ✓ | | | |
| 4. CABANILLA, Rida T.R. | ✓ | | | |
| 5. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. | ✓ | | | |
| 6. SAIKI, Scott K. | | | | ✓ |
| 7. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S. L. | | | | ✓ |
| 8. TAKAI, K. Mark | ✓ | | | |
| 9. TAKAMINE, Dwight Y. | | | | ✓ |
| 10. TAKUMI, Roy M. | | | | ✓ |
| 11. WAKAI, Glenn | | | | ✓ |
| 12. CHING, Corinne W.L. | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| 13. FINNEGAN, Lynn | | | ✓ | ✓ |
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| The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s) | | | | |
| Vice Chair's or designee's signature:  | | | | |
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