STAND. COM. REP. NO. 228

Honolulu, Hawaii

Fe 513, 2009

RE: H.B. No. 908 H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Fifth State Legislature Regular Session of 2009 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 908 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TUITION WAIVERS IN THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to encourage more Hawaiian and native Hawaiian individuals to pursue higher education goals by requiring the University of Hawaii (UH) to grant tuition waivers to each student enrolled in the UH System who is Hawaiian or native Hawaiian.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs and several concerned individuals supported this bill. UH supported the intent of this measure. A concerned individual opposed this bill.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Allowing students to prove that they are Hawaiian or native Hawaiian through their birth certificates, instead of an OHA Hawaiian registry enrollment card; and
- (2) Requiring that a student also demonstrate financial need to obtain a tuition waiver.

Technical, nonsubstantive amendments were also made for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 908, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 908, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs,

MELE CARROLL, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-fifth Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date		
HB 908	HAW, MINING H	IED, FIN	2-11-09	
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HAW Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. CARROLL, Mele (C)				
2. SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (V	/C)			
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4. BERTRAM, Joe, III		5.5	10 No. 10 No	
5. BROWER, Tom				
6. MIZUNO, John M.				
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7. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.				55 - 3 - 54 B 20 C C
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.				
9. WARD, Gene				
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TOTAL (9)				
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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