STAND. COM. REP. NO. 359

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 17 , 2011

RE: H.B. No. 1323 H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Sixth State Legislature Regular Session of 2011 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 1323 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE WESTERN INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to help improve the return rates of Hawaii residents who receive state support to study in certain professional programs that are not provided in the State through the University of Hawaii system by providing the Hawaii Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) with the authority to establish a repayment policy for students who receive support through the WICHE Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP). This bill also more clearly delineates the Hawaii WICHE, and establishes a special fund to facilitate the repayment program.

WICHE supported the intent of this bill. The Department of Budget and Finance provided comments.

Your Committee notes that certain factors must be considered in the development of a new special fund, including the types of deposits the special fund is authorized to accept. Your Committee feels, however, that these considerations are beyond its purview and respectfully requests the Committee on Finance to review the establishment of the special fund in this measure to ensure that it is structured to function in the intended manner.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Clarifying that the Hawaii Commissioners are appointed both as the commissioners from the State to WICHE and as Hawaii Commissioners to the Hawaii WICHE:
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) 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 H.B. No. 1323, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1323, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

SCOTT NISHIMOTO, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-sixth Legislature



Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education

H R 12 02	Committee Referral:	Date:	10 O. 11
HB 1323	HED, FIN	166	10, 2011
☐ 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)			
HED Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays Excused
1. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (C)			
2. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (VC)	X		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X		
4. AWANA, Karen L.	×		
5. BELATTI, Della Au	X		
6. CHANG, Jerry L.			X
7. HANOHANO, Faye P.	X		
8. MIZUNO, John M.	_ X		
9. SAIKI, Scott K.	_ <		
10. TAKAI, K. Mark	X		
11. TAKUMI, Roy M.	X		
12. WOOLEY, Jessica	X		
13. CHING, Corinne W.L.	X		
14. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	X		
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TOTAL (14)	13	0	0 1
The recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted			
If joint referral, did not support recommendation.			
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:			
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