Honolulu, Hawaii

February 7, 201

RE: H.B. No. 1542

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Ninth State Legislature Regular Session of 2017 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1542 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIAN HIGHER EDUCATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to develop an undergraduate health sciences academy within the University of Hawaii System in cooperation with relevant educational institutions, to target the recruitment and retention of Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander students and first generation college attendees.

The University of Hawaii, University of Hawaii at West Oahu - Student Body, University of Hawaii at West Oahu Allied Health Faculty, Kamehameha Schools, Native Hawaiian Health Task Force, Hoomana Pono, LLC., Ka Lahui Hawaii Political Action Committee, and numerous individuals testified in support of this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1542 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Higher Education.

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs,

KANIELA ING, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1542	Committee Referral:	P, FIN Date:	103/1-	7
θ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) θ Pass, with amendments (HD) θ Hold θ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
OMH Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ING, Kaniela (C)	V			
2. GATES, Cedric Asuega (VC)	V			
3. CREAGAN, Richard P.				
4. DeCOITE, Lynn				
5. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.	N			
6. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	1			
7. THIELEN, Cynthia	V			
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TOTAL (7)	7			
The recommendation is:				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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