STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1351

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 2 1 2019

RE: H.B. No. 813

H.D. 1 S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirtieth State Legislature Regular Session of 2019 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred H.B. No. 813, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the University of Hawaii promise program plus to provide scholarships for the unmet direct cost needs of qualified students who are graduates of a University of Hawaii community college who received a Hawaii community college promise program scholarship and are currently enrolled at any University of Hawaii campus; and
- (2) Appropriate funds to establish and implement the program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System, Department of Education, University of Hawai'i Alumni Association, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the first cohort of students from community colleges who received scholarships from the Hawaii



community college promise program are scheduled to graduate in 2019 with Associate's degrees. Some students will be poised to enter the University of Hawaii System to obtain a Bachelor's degree, yet lack the financial resources to do so. Additionally, students and graduates of the Hawaii community college promise program who do not yet have a definite career goal but are pursuing further education should be strongly encouraged to pursue careers where personnel shortages currently exist or are projected to exist in the near future. This measure extends the promise program for this cohort of students, leading to stronger educational outcomes and improved quality of life for participating students, and encourages students to pursue careers in fields that strengthen Hawaii's current and future economy.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 813, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 813, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

Inne Meresdo K.

DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair

The Senate Thirtieth Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Higher Education HRE

Bill / Resolution No.:* HB 813, HD1	Committee Referral: HRE, WAM		Date: 3/19/19			
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.						
If so, then the previous decision was to:						
The Recommendation is:						
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313						
Members		Aye	Aye (W	'R)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)						
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)						
KAHELE, Kaiali'i						
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.						
FEVELLA, Kurt		-	w			
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TOTAL		(^)				2
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted						
Chair's or Designee's Signature: Muhllett Lidani						
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