## STAND. COM. REP. NO.

Honolulu, Hawaii FEB 0 8 2019

RE: S.B. No. 315

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 S.B. No. 315 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to increase the graduate assistant stipend at the University of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System, Graduate Student Organization of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Academic Labor United, and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that graduate assistants at the University of Hawaii provide academic and program support to academic, administrative, and service units of the university through teaching, research, administrative, and other duties. Graduate assistantships serve as a mechanism to recruit top graduate students to the university, providing graduate students with stipends to cover basic costs. Therefore, increasing the minimum stipend levels for graduate students at the University of Hawaii will positively impact recruitment and retention of graduate students, resulting in greater support for the research mission of the university.



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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. 315 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

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DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



## The Senate Thirtieth Legislature State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)		1			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)		1,			
KAHELE, Kaiali'i					
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.		1			
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