

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

456

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 , 2021

RE: H.B. No. 1291
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Education and Higher Education & Technology, to which was referred H.B. No. 1291 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOLARSHIPS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Allow applicants who graduated from a public high school in the State with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and qualified for and received special education services for two or more years during enrollment in grades kindergarten through twelve to be eligible for the Hawaii State Scholars Program;
- (2) Allow students enrolled at a community college campus who graduated from a public high school in the State with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and qualified for and received special education services for two or more years during enrollment in grades kindergarten through twelve to be eligible for the Hawaii Community College Promise Program; and
- (3) Require ten percent of available funds for the Hawaii Community College Promise Program to be dedicated for the aforementioned qualifying students.

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Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Teachers Association and seventeen individuals. Your Committees received testimony in support of the intent of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System. Your Committees received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committees find that there is a massive achievement gap between students in regular education and special education in public schools. Your Committees further find that to drive excellence and prepare our students to be college, career, and world ready, allocating scholarship funds to targeted students would ensure students with special needs have access to post high school education and the possibility of a better personal and profession life in the State. Your Committees believe that this measure will expand the opportunities available to enhance the lives of students with special needs.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the provision requiring ten percent of available funds for the Hawaii Community College Promise Program be dedicated for the qualifying students who graduated from a public high school in the State with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and qualified for and received special education services for two or more years during enrollment in grades kindergarten through twelve;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

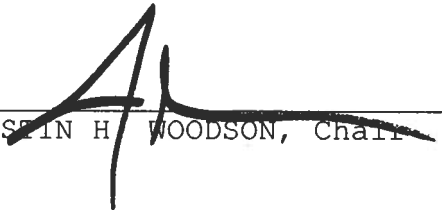
As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Higher Education & Technology that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1291, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1291, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Education and
Higher Education & Technology,



GREGG TANAYAMA, Chair



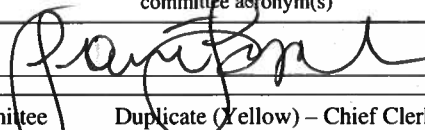
JUSTIN H. WOODSON, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Education

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1291	Committee Referral: EDN/HET, PIN	Date: 2/11/2021		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EDN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. WOODSON, Justin H. (C)	✓			
2. KAPELA, Jeanne (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				✓
4. DeCOITE, Lynn	✓			
5. GANADEN, Sonny	✓			
6. GATES, Cedric Asuega				✓
7. HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	✓			
8. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
9. QUINLAN, Sean	✓			
10. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	✓			
11. YAMANE, Ryan I.	✓			
12. OKIMOTO, Val	✓			
TOTAL (12)	10	0	0	2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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1. TAKAYAMA, Gregg (C)	✓			
2. DeCOITE, Lynn (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				✓
4. GANADEN, Sonny	✓			
5. GATES, Cedric Asuega				✓
6. HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	✓			
7. KAPELA, Jeanne	✓			
8. OHNO, Takashi	✓			
9. QUINLAN, Sean	✓			
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Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>Lynn DeCorte</i>				
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