

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3312

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 2022

RE: H.B. No. 1488
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred
H.B. No. 1488, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RESIDENCE FOR TUITION
PURPOSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the
tuition residency rules for the University of Hawaii to grant the
resident tuition fee for enrollment at any University of Hawaii
campus, including any community college, to individuals who have
obtained a Hawaii high school diploma or equivalent credential and
are working toward an undergraduate degree, under certain
conditions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Education, University of Hawai'i System,
Kamehameha Schools, and four individuals. Your Committee received
comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney
General.

Your Committee finds that increasing access to postsecondary
educational opportunities in the State allows for Hawaii's high
school graduates and individuals who possess equivalent
credentials to pursue postsecondary educational goals.
Simplifying the residency determination for admission into the



University of Hawaii System will positively impact students who wish to pursue higher education while also reducing the barriers students may face while applying to a University of Hawaii campus. Additionally, simplifying residency requirements and the determination of residency will also assist high school students, recent graduates, and individuals with equivalent credentials who are homeless or experiencing complex family circumstances. Increasing access to postsecondary education for all students is in alignment with a larger collaborative effort in workforce development, as a significant number of jobs, particularly those affording a living wage, require postsecondary credentials.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Reducing the timeframe of eligibility for resident tuition from eight years to two years from the time the student received a high school diploma or its equivalent to the student's first day of official scheduled instruction at the University of Hawaii;
- (2) Amending section 1 to reflect that this measure is a matter of statewide concern; and
- (3) 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. 1488, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1488, 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,



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	4			1

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:
Michelle N. Kidani

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