

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 14 2022

RE: S.B. No. 3184
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
S.B. No. 3184 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
RESIDENT TUITION FEE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to expand the
criteria to qualify for resident tuition fees at the University of
Hawaii to include high school seniors and recent high school
graduates.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Education, the University of Hawaii System,
and Hawaii P-20. Your Committee received comments on this measure
from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that postsecondary education and
training for all interested high school graduates serve the
State's interest by preparing graduates for jobs and career
pathways that typically pay higher wages. Data on Hawaii's public
school graduates reveal that there are hundreds of academically
prepared graduates each year who do not enroll in college
immediately after high school in the "first fall". As the
determination of resident tuition is a complex matter, the
streamlining of application processes for residents, especially
recent high school graduates, may assist many young people in



Hawaii, including students who are experiencing homelessness or those with complex family circumstances, and those who are from under-represented or low-income communities. To assist a greater number of students who may face barriers when applying to colleges and universities, this measure expands the criteria to qualify for resident tuition fees at the University of Hawaii by providing that recent high school graduates and high school seniors are eligible residents.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending section 1 to reflect that this measure addresses a matter of statewide concern; and
- (2) Clarifying the requirement of high school graduation or equivalent for an adult or minor student to be within twelve months of the first day of official instruction.

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. 3184, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3184, 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



Record of Votes
Committee on Higher Education
HRE

*Only one measure per Record of Votes