

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

189

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 13 2023

RE: S.B. No. 1413  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred  
S.B. No. 1413 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 require the  
University of Hawaii to grant resident tuition fees to an  
individual enrolling in an undergraduate degree program who  
graduated from a high school in the State, under certain  
conditions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Education, University of Hawai'i System,  
Hawai'i P-20 Partnerships for Education, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that many high school seniors experience  
difficulty answering the University of Hawaii's residency  
questionnaire as part of the admission process for the University.  
The questionnaire presents an especial barrier to students with  
complex living situations, in particular those who are housing  
insecure or are part of nontraditional family arrangements. This  
measure would remove this barrier to enrollment at the University  
of Hawaii and increase access to higher education by requiring the  
University of Hawaii to grant resident status for the purposes of



determining tuition fees to any individual who graduated from a high school in the State, under certain conditions.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that an individual who graduated from high school in the State shall not qualify for resident tuition fees if within the past two years the individual claimed resident status of another state or applied to another state's institution of higher learning as a resident of that state; and
- (2) 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 S.B. No. 1413, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1413, 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,



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DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Higher Education**  
**HRE**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 1413</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HRE, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2-7-23</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	/			
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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