

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 968 H.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 H.B. No. 968, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the University of Hawaii Pamantasan Council for three full-time equivalent Academic and Support Services Specialist positions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Friends of Civil Rights, Sariling Gawa Youth Council, and nineteen individuals.

Your Committee finds that Filipino Americans continue to be underrepresented as undergraduates at the University of Hawaii compared to the proportion of Filipino Americans enrolled in the State's public schools. Filipino faculty, particularly holding tenure track positions, and administrators are also severely underrepresented across all University campuses. The University of Hawaii Pamantasan Council leads and supports efforts to address this underrepresentation of Filipinos at the University through workforce and curriculum development, research, and community service. Therefore, this measure appropriates funds to support the University of Hawaii Pamantasan Council's work to increase



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Filipino access, equity, and inclusion at the University of Hawaii.

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. 968, H.D. 1, 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 Thirty-Second Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

Record of Votes Committee on Higher Education HRE

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral: Date:				
HB968 HDI	HRE, WAM 3/21/23				
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)					
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)					
FUKUNAGA, Carol					<u> </u>
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.					
FEVELLA, Kurt					
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TOTAL		4			
Recommendation:					
Chair's or Designee's Signature: Michiele Sedani					
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*Only <u>one</u> measure per Record of Votes