STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1494

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 , 2023

RE: S.B. No. 1151

S.D. 2 H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki Speaker, House of Representatives Thirty-Second State Legislature Regular Session of 2023 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education & Technology, to which was referred S.B. No. 1151, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE PROGRAM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to exempt University of Hawaii Community College students who are enrolled in certificate programs from the requirement to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each academic year to be considered eligible for the Hawaii Community College Promise Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System, State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Disability and Communication Access Board, University of Hawaii Professional Assembly, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the requirement of completing the FAFSA to be considered eligible for the Hawaii Community College Promise Program scholarship may be a barrier for some students interested in pursuing a certificate program at the University of Hawaii Community Colleges, including students with developmental disabilities. Your Committee further finds that the Hawaii

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Community College Promise Program is an important tool directly benefiting Hawaii's families who are otherwise least able to afford higher education.

According to the University of Hawaii System, it is committed to creating an application form for students exempted from completing the FAFSA and using the Hawaii Community College Promise Program scholarship to cover full direct costs, as there would otherwise be no vehicle to determine unmet need.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that, because certificate program students will not be completing a FAFSA, the unmet direct cost need for certificate program students will be based on another suitable instrument;
- (2) Changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1151, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1151, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

AMY A. PERRUSO, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Thirty-second Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Higher Education & Technology

Bill/Resolution No.: 53/15/502	Committee Referral: HET FIN	Date:	/22/23
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)			
HET Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays Excused
1. PERRUSO, Amy A. (C)			
2. KAPELA, Jeanne (VC)			
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5. MARTEN, Lisa			
6. MARTINEZ, Rose			
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7. MATAYOSHI, Scot Z.	All		
8. QUINLAN, Sean			
9. TODD, Chris			
10. WOODSON, Justin H.			
11. GARCIA, Diamond			
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TOTAL (11)	7		4
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)			
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:			
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