

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

153

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 10 2023

RE: S.B. No. 960

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. 960 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD
OF REGENTS CANDIDATE ADVISORY COUNCIL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to repeal the
University of Hawaii Board of Regents Candidate Advisory Council
and authorize the Governor to directly appoint members to the
University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this
measure from the University of Hawaii Professional Assembly,
Association of Emeritus Regents of the University of Hawaii, and
three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this
measure from the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i
System.

Your Committee finds that the Board of Regents of the
University of Hawaii guides the policies and trajectory of the
University of Hawaii. In 2006, the Board of Regents Candidate
Advisory Council was established to select regents through a
process similar to the state Judiciary's process for selecting
judges and justices. While the Candidate Advisory Council proved
effective at its inception and during periods when a high number
of individuals applied, it has proven less effective in recent



years when insufficient numbers of applicants have forced the Council to extend application deadlines.

For each vacancy on the Board of Regents, the Candidate Advisory Council is required to submit the names of at least three candidates to the Governor. A lack of applicants may leave the Council no choice but to submit the names of less qualified or unqualified applicants to meet its mandate. To maintain the quality of regents, this measure repeals the Board of Regents Candidate Advisory Council, allowing the Governor to directly appoint regents with the advice and consent of the Senate.

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. 960 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means.

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

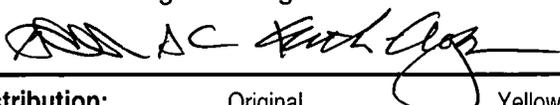


DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Higher Education
HRE

Bill / Resolution No.:* SB960	Committee Referral: HRE, JDC/WAM	Date: 2/2/23		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input 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)	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)				X
FUKUNAGA, Carol	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
Distribution: Original Yellow Pink Goldenrod File with Committee Report Clerk's Office Drafting Agency Committee File Copy				

*Only one measure per Record of Votes